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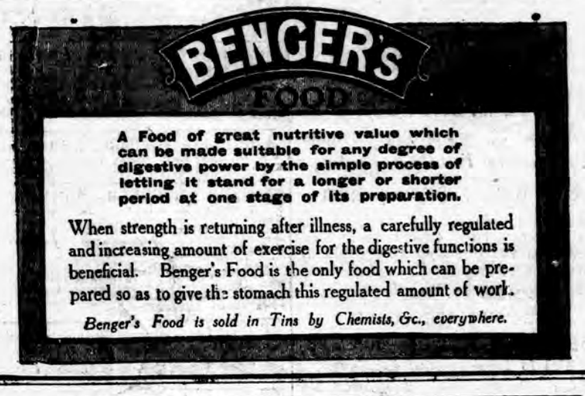

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. PATERSON BROWN,
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Bombay, 25th April, 1907.

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1. To receive and adopt the Directors' Report, and Audited Statements of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1906.
2. To pass a Resolution in regard to the disposal of the profit made in the year 1906 as recommended by the Directors.
3. To declare a Dividend.
4. To elect two Directors in place of those, who retire by rotation, but who are eligible for re-election.
5. To appoint two Auditors for the ensuing year, and to fix their remuneration.
6. To transact any other business which may be brought forward by the Agents.

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BOMBAY, 24TH APRIL, 1907.

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THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

NEW FEATURES.

WILL SHORTLY APPEAR IN
THE BOMBAY GAZETTE:—

CRICKET

EIGHT ARTICLES, BY

P. F. Warner (of Middlesex Captain of England);

A. A. Lilley (England's greatest wicket-keeper);

A. O. Jones (Captain of Notts);

A. E. Knight (Leicestershire's chief stay; an accomplished writer on Cricket).

G. L. Jessop (Captain of Gloucestershire; has played many times for England);

J. T. Tyldesley (of Lancashire; England's surest bat);

B. J. T. Bosanquet (of Middlesex);

A. C. MacLaren (Captain of Lancashire).

NOTE.

The articles are bright and attractive to the general reader, and written by men whose names are right to the front in Cricket matters. We have selected for treatment new, practical, and original subjects, and the matter is in every case personal and anecdotal. Mr. Warner led the team which regained our Cricket prestige in Australia; he has played Cricket in many climes; Mr. G. L. Jessop, the famous hitter, gives reminiscences of the new style and the old; Mr. A. A. Lilley, as wicket-keeper, has new views on the present state of Cricket (he is this season to be the worthy recipient of a National testimonial); Mr. J. T. Tyldesley, a keen observer and player, writes of games won and lost through forcing the game.

PROGRAMME.

P. F. Warner,
The Greatest Game I ever Played in.

A. A. Lilley,
How to Brighten Cricket.

A. O. Jones,
The Virtue of Hitting Hard and Hitting Often.

J. T. Tyldesley,
The Art and Advantage of Forcing the Game.

A. C. MacLaren,
How Good Fielding Helps the Bowler.

B. J. T. Bosanquet,
The Value of Unorthodox Cricket.

A. E. Knight,
The Bowler and the "Sporting" Wicket.

G. L. Jessop,
Hitters of To-day and Yesterday.

HUMOUR

New Series of Eight . . . . .
REALLY LAUGHABLE SKETCHES
BY

F. P. Dunne,
("Mr. Dooley.")

Athol Forbes,
(Author of "Odd Fish," &c.)

A. St. John Adcock,
(Author of "Humours of London Life," &c.)

J. J. Bell,
(Author of "Wee MacGregor," &c.)

G. B. Burgin,
(Author of "Tuxter's Little Maid," &c.)

S. Baring-Gould,
(Author of "John Herring," &c.)

Edwin Pugh,
(Author of "The Purple Head.")

NOTE.

We have secured a new contributor in the person of "Mr. Dooley," whose work in the leading magazines has drawn so much comment. The other writers are well-known for their power of realizing really humorous situations and characters.

PROGRAMME.

1. "Mr. Dooley on Glory," P. F. DUNNE.
2. "The Humours of Marrying," ATHOL FORBES.
3. "The Mediator," J. J. BELL.
4. "The Man from Queen Street," G. B. BURGIN.
5. "The Silent One," EDWIN PUGH.
6. "Spoilt Men and Women," A. ST. JOHN ADCOCK.
7. "Cabman 7015," J. M. JACOBS.
8. "Lost on the Sands: a Summer Episode," S. BARING-GOULD.

NEW SERIAL STORY.

CHARMING NEW SERIAL OF GREAT INTEREST.

NEITHER STOREHOUSE NOR BARN,

By ALLEN RAINE,

AUTHOR OF

"A Welsh Singer," "By Berwen Banks," "Torn Sails," "A Welsh Witch," "Queen of the Rushes," &c., &c.

FIRST INSTALMENT

APPEARED ON THURSDAY, April 18th.

SALES BY AUCTION.

CRAWFORD AND COMPANY,
No. 7, MARINE STREET.

AUCTION SALE, at Tank Bunder, near Kali Chowkey, of a Bone-Crushing Factory and Saw-Mill, both combined.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY the 26th instant, at 3 p. m. (S. T.), Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co., will selby Public Auction, on the premises, at Tank Bunder, Frere Road, near Kali Chowkey, by order of the mortgagee Mr. Cassum Noor Mahomed and on account and risk of Haji Abdulla Haji Moosa.

The following Bone-crushing factory and Saw-mill both combined, comprising—

1 Corrugated iron-roofed shed.
1 Boiler, 30 by 7 feet, with its chimney, 60 by 8½ ft.
1 Engine, 16 by 32ft.
7 Machines for cutting round wood pieces,
2 Machines for cutting 3 ft. broad, square beams with saws,
1 Machine for cutting one foot and a half broad, square beams with its saw.
1 Lathe,
1 Large drill machine.
75 Large and small saws for cutting round pieces, shaftings leather beltings and accessories.
Also 1 Bone-crushing machine. No. 4½ with sieves, shaftings and accessories,
A deposit of 25 per cent. will be required at the time of sale.
N. B.—The above concern will be first put up in one lot and private offers also will be received by the Undersigned,
The above is on view.

SALE OF MACHINERY AND CAST IRON PILLARS
of the Veeramgaum
Spinning and Manufacturing Co., Ld.,
damaged by fire and water.

Under instructions from H. Gannon, Esq., the Surveyor, on behalf of the Insurance Offices concerned, Messrs. CRAWFORD and Co., Auctioneers, will receive private offers at their Rooms, for the purchase of salvage of the following machinery and pillars saived from the late fire at the above Mills, upto TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 27th day of April, 1907.

320 rollers and 30 Flat Cards,
15 single head draw frames and 1 draw frame 2×7
6 slubbers,
8 Intermediates.
16 Rovers.
96 Ring twist frames.
10 Ring weft frames.
4 twist mules,
and salvage of gearing.

Also separate offers will be received for 91 cast iron pillars.

N.B.—A deposit of Rs. 1,000 should accompany each tender.

For further particulars apply to the Undersigned.

AUCTION Sale Of A Large Quantity Of Cotton Mixing, Damaged By Fire and Water.

TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, the 27th instant, at 3 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at the Lord Reay Mills on Fergusson Road, Parel, by order of the Insurance Office concerned—

A large quantity of cotton mixings, damaged by fire and water.

A deposit of 50 per cent, will be required at the time of sale.

WEEKLY AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, MONDAY, the 15th Instant, at 3-30 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, at their Rooms, a quantity of grey, white and coloured piece-goods and the following:—

Furniture such as sofas and chairs, writing, dressing, and wash-hand tables, cupboards, chest-of-drawers, almirah, large size iron safe.

By order of the Administrator-General the effects of the late Haji Abdulla Haji Hassam consisting of double almyrah, cupboard, dressing table, chairs, lamps, clock, cots, cradles, copper and porcelain pots, silk wearing apparels, iron safes on stands, metal watch and other sundries.

At 3 p. m.

Several gent's bicycles by different makers.
1 light rubber-tyred victoria.
1 handsome rubber-tyred vis-a vis, in good order.
The property of a gentleman—
1 elegant rubber-tyred cabriolette with handsome bay mare colt and harness.
The property of a deceased gentleman—
1 landau by Kesterton,
1 Ahmedabad gharry,
1 grinding machine.
And any other carriages and horses which may be offered.

On TUESDAY, the 30th instant, at 2 p.m. Messrs. CRAWFORD & Co. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at the Arthur House, Wellington Lines, opposite Bandstand, the valuable and handsome French polished teakwood and blackwood household furniture, such as dining table and chairs mirrored sideboards, dumbwaiter drawing-room suite of sofas and chairs, lined silk, tapestry marble-topped tables and teapoys cabinets, bedsteads, single and double mirror door almyrahs, clothes and gown presses, chest-of-drawers, marble-topped dressing and wash-hand tables, rich table ornaments, windproof lamps, carpets, etc, the property of T.H. Knight, Esq., Engineer and Shipwright Surveyor, proceeded to England.

Catalogues will be published and the property will be on view three days before the sale.

BONA-FIDE SALE.

On SUNDAY, the 28th Proxime, at 2 p.m., Messrs. CRAWFORD and CO. are instructed to sell by Public Auction, at G. I. P. Rly. Staff Quarters, Parel, the valuable and handsome French-polished teak and blackwood household drawing room, dining room and bedroom furniture, such as cabinets, easy-chairs, drawing room set veranda furniture, hanging and wall lamps, marble-topped wash-hand and dressing tables, almirah, iron bedsteads with matresses, clothes-press, coal stove, Beck's microscope, D.B. gun in case, by Ashley, London, pictures crockery ware, &c., the property of A. G. POWELL, Esq.

AUCTION SALE of Two Priceless Necklaces.
A Rare Opportunity.
HIGH COURT.
O. O. C. J.
Suit No. 133 of 1907.

As directed by the Consent Decree herein and with the consent of the Plaintiff and Defendant herein two priceless necklaces one of Rubies and diamonds of rare quality and another of diamonds and pearls of rare quality, both suitable for Princes, noblemen and wealthy people and Jewellers, if not previously sold by private contract, will be sold by Public Auction, by Messrs. CRAWFORD and CO., Auctioneers, on a day to be fixed hereafter, at 3 p.m. (B.T.), at their Auction Rooms, in Marine Street, Fort.

Property will be on view four days before the Sale, between the hours of 12 and 4 (B.T.)

CRAWFORD & Co.

BOMBAY, 26TH APRIL, 1907.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.,
AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION AGENTS,
121, MEADOW STREET, FORT, BOMBAY.

SALE OF COTTON SALVAGE.

Messrs. SORABJI COWASJI & Co., will, by order of the underwriters, sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at 3 p. m. (S. T.), at Sassoon Press Factory, Sassoon Dock, Colaba:—

A very large lot of cotton, damaged by fire and water.

A deposit of 50 per cent. will be required at the time of knocking the lot to the purchasers and the balance shall be paid and goods cleared next day after sale.

SALE AT 12 O'CLOCK IN THE FORENOON.

Bona-Fide Sale of Household Furniture at Sankli Street, Ripon Road, Byculla.

Messrs. SORABJEE COWASJEE & Co. will, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 26th instant, sell by Public Auction, at 160, Jubilee Buildings, Sankli Street, Ripon Road, Byculla, the household furniture of the late Mr. F. Pereira, consisting of drawing and bed-room and dining room furniture, glassware, crockery, lamps, plateware, pictures, ornaments, and similar other domestic goods.

Cash will be required at the time of knocking the lots to the purchasers and the goods cleared immediately after the sale.

SORABJEE COWASJEE & CO.
Bombay, 26th April, 1907.

MENESSE AND COMPANY,
No. 86, HUMMUM STREET.

AUCTION SALE OF UNCLAIMED GOODS, GRAIN SWEEPINGS, &c.

Under instructions from the B. B. & C. I. Railway and in accordance with Sections 55 and 56 of the Indian Railways Act IX. of 1890, Messrs. MENESSE & Co. will sell by Public Auction, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, the 26th April, 1907, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.), at the Railway Company's Goods Depot, at Carnac Bridge:—

A number of Unclaimed bags of grain and seed and a quantity of sweepings, &c., &c.

MENESSE & Co.

Bombay, 26th April, 1907.

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SALES BY AUCTION.

BENNETT & COMPANY,
No. 22, APOLLO STREET.

AUCTION SALE of Building Materials.

Under instructions from the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, Messrs. BENNETT and Co., will, THIS-DAY, FRIDAY, the 26th instant, at 4 p.m. (B.T.), sell by Public Auction, on the premises the whole of the building materials of House No. 4, at 2dd Umarkhadi Road.

AUCTION SALE OF LANDED P

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE steamer Harperley 2565 tons Captain Fletcher sailed yesterday for Antwerp and Hull with a genera cargo.

THE steamer Flamingo 2140 tons, Captain Makintosh, arrived in harbour yesterday from Calcutta with a cargo of coal.

THE steamer Hendon Hall, 2588 tons, Captain F N Tyson, arrived in Bombay harbour yesterday from Penarth with a cargo of coal.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Jumna, 1987 tons, Captain F Gun-Cunningham, sailed yesterday for Genoa, with a general cargo and Mr. McNair as passenger.

THE German East Africa Line steamer Sultan 1781 tons, Captain H Illrich, arrived in harbour yesterday from Durban with a general cargo and 4 cabin and 348 deck passengers.

THE Australian Lloyd's S N Co's steamer E F Ferdinand 8542 tons, Captain C Matcovech, sailed yesterday for Khobe, etc, with a general cargo and Captain Pikard, Mr Newbemer and 3 deck passengers.

VESSELS IN DOCK—April 25.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date	Agents.
A	Huntsman	4827	Rhodes	L'pool	9-5	K N & Co
B	Larne	2709	Atkinson	M'Goa	28-4	F Muir & Co
C	A R Sultan Hall	2970	Mayall	K'chi	27-4	K M & Co
D	S S Dido	3127	Pickering	Hull	30-4	F Muir & Co
F	Oceana	3367	Hayward	Shanghai	30-4	P and O Co
G	Firozai	2005	Watson	R S Ports	27-4	B & P S N Co
H	Shah Allum	1917	Hevill	K'chi	27-4	Shah S N Co
K	Bombay Maru	3308	Ishikawa	Kobe	27-4	N Y Kaisha
M	Sultan	1781	Ulrich	Durban	3-5	A Strandes
O	Shahnoor	2783	Evans	Jeddah	28-4	Shah S N Co
P	Clan Stuart	2295	Walker	Avonmouth	5-5	F Muir & Co
Q	Abergeldie	2438	Keith	Hull	4-5	T Morrison & Co

H W P D

Bahadur		829	Fakeera	M'lore	26-4	Bo S N Co

VICTORIA DOCK.

1	Calna	3963	Maclachlan	A'werp	30-4	M M'sie & Co
2	Olympia	3269	Osborne	L'pool	4-5	W & A G & Co
3	Asia	3339	Shanklin	L'pool	3-5	W & A G & Co
4	Sirocco	3349	Owen	Dunkirk	4-5	W & A G & Co
5	Harperley	2566	Fletcher	Antwerp	26-4	W & A G & Co
6	Rhin	3462	Hirst	Hamburg	3-5	M M & Co
8	Koerber	3163	Persel	Trieste	1-5	A L S N Co
10 & 11	Vorwaerts	3737	Colledani	Trieste	30-4	A L S N Co
12	Egypt	4171	London	London	27-4	P & O Co

H W V D

Lhasa		936	McDiarmed	K'chi	26-4	M M & Co

Offside.

Reichstag		1339	Thle	Durban	17-5	A Strandes

ARRIVALS.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	From.
25	Hendon Hall s	Tyson	Penarth, Mar 26
	Sultan s	Ulrich	Durban, Mar 28
	Flamingo s	Mackintosh	Calcutta, Apl 13
	R I M S Duffer in s	Black	Aden, Apl 19

DEPARTURES.

April	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
26	Dwarka s	Hirst	Persian Gulf, &c
	Stalsonfels s	Schmidt	Calcutta, &c
	Harperley s	Fletcher	Antwerp, &c
	E F Ferdinand s	Matcovich	Kobe, &c
22	Dunolly	Gun Cunningham	Genoa

The following vessels began to load yesterday :—

Steamer Nera for Australia, &c,
" Sultan for Zanzibar, &c,

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The B I S N Co's steamer Chychasa left London, on the afternoon of the 24th instant.

The B I S N Co's steamer Dumra passed Lisbon, on the morning of the 24th instant.

The B I S N Co's steamer Matiana left Suez, on the morning of the 24th instant.

CALCUTTA.

ARRIVALS.

Apr.	Steamer	Names.	From
21	Sofala	G A Shepherd	Singapore
	Baron Cawdor	B C Gordey	Bombay
	Kumsang	K J Buller	Hongkong
	Shildhana	R Holt	Bombay
	Tuscatora	F S Hollenshead	San Francisco
	City of Madras	C McFay	Liverpool
22	Dunolly	G F Semple	Singapore

DEPARTURES.

	Mercedes	W J Stock	Aroe Bay
	Chaudong	H E Stevens	Rangoon

MADRAS.

ARRIVALS.

	Vessel.	From
	Umta	Calcutta
	Cromwell	London
	Nairn	Calcutta
	Avoca	Calcutta
	Pentakota	Negapatam
	Nizam	Calcutta
	Clan Gordon	Liverpool
	Palamcotta	Rangoon
	Drachenfels	Antwerp
	Methley Hall	Oceanaia
	Belle of France	Coast

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

24	Shah Nasir	Calcutta
26	Clan Shaw	Galle
27	Moltkefels	Bremen
30	Umlazi	Calcutta

May.

1	Clan Macdonald	Coast
2	Ettrickdale	Liverpool
3	Ceylon Maru	Penang
7	Moltkefels	Bremen
8	Umzinto	Natal
10	Pongola	Calcutta
13	Gutenfels	Antwerp

The dates are approximate only.

DAILY EXPORTS.—April 25.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

Osman s—240 bales cotton, Glazebrook & Sejpal and Co ; 1200 bales cotton R Gaddum and Co ; 250 bales man-ganese ore D B Lam and Co.

Ikbal s—310 bales cotton ; Ralli Bros 100 bales cotton ; waste and 100 bales hemp K Visram and Co ; 50 bales wool A Chagla and Co ; 2105 bales wool, E Dossa and Co ; 2000 cwt linseed cake, Glade and Co ; 35 bales wool, M Vulley ; 34 bales wool, M Ramgopal ; 100 cwt gum, by Sajpal ; 386 cwt old copper etc., H Narayen.

Olympia s—100 bales cotton, Ralli Bros ; 200 cwt gum, M J Joomabhoy and Co ; 30 cwt condiments M Poongraji and Sons.

FOR GLASGOW.

Asia s—50 bales hemp R Reeves and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Egypt s—8 bales hides and skins, Ewart Latham and Co ; 25 bales hemp R Reeves and Co ; 3 cases brassware Ardeshir and Co ; 3 cwts ivory K. N. Mianee.

FOR AVONMOUTH.

Clan Stuart s—26747 cwt cotton seed, Ralli Brothers.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Olympia s—927 cwt gingellyseed, L Drefus and Co ; 165 bales cotton, E Spinner and Co ; 250 bales cotton, W Wolf and Sons ; 212 bales cotton-fly and 50 bales hemp, K Visram and Co ; 200 cwt gum M J Joomabhoy and Co; 300cwts turmeric, Husservanjee Bros and Co ;

FOR DUNKIRK.

Huntsman s—2000 cwt rapeseed C Boggiana and Co ; 1176 bales cotton, Ralli Bros ;

FOR ANTWERP.

Culna s—1511 bales cotton, Ralli Bros ; 400 bales hemp P Bhimji 1993 cwts rapeseed L Curimchund.

Abergeldie s—1232 bales cotton Ralli Bros.

FOR HAMBURG.

Onda s—28 bales cotton, New Mofussil Co ; 2000 cwt gingellyseed. and 4000 cwt rapeseed Killick Nixon and Co ; 932 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers 220 bales cotton, R Vishram and Co.

Itola s—220 bales cotton, J A Begbie and Co ; 825 bales cotton, Volkart Bros ; 110 bales cotton Bamji and and Co ; 34 cwt gum M J Joomabhoy and Co ; 535 bales cotton fly hemp etc., K Visram and Co ; 505 cwt gum, P Jethabhoy.

FOR HULL.

Abergeldie s—8155 cwt ottenseed L Dreyfus and Co.

FOR TRIESTE.

Koerber s—265 bales cotton, A Blaschoeck and Co.

Vorwaerts s—55 bales cotton, Sorabji Framjee and Co ; 54 bales cotton waste, N Damji, 12 cwt garnets, The Ajmere Import and Export Co Ld.

FOR MALMOE.

Dedo s—800 bales cotton Gaddum and Co.

FOR GOTHENBURG.

Dedo s—400 bales cotton Gaddam and Co.

FOR VENICE.

Koerber s—3000 cwt linseed A Begbie and Co.

FOR HONGKONG.

Oceana s—750 bales twist David Sassoon and Co ; 5 cases opium, P and O S N Co ; 37 bales twist C Bomonjee and Co ; 50 cwt shark fins, N Visram.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Oceana s—236 bales twist David Sassoon and Co ; 500 bales twist Tata and Co ; 200 bales twist E D Sassoon and Co.

JOHN ELLMORE, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, an inventive shoemaker, is credited, says the New York correspondent of the "Telegraph," with discovering a secret whereby it is claimed one ton of coal will do the work of four. Six parts of ashes mixed with one of coal, and treated with his compound, produces, it is said, a fiercer heat than the best bituminous coal.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

LONDON MARKETS.

LONDON, *April* 24.] [BOMBAY, *April* 25.

FINANCIAL.

	Rates.	Plus.	Minus.
2½ per cent. Consols	85⅞	¼	
3 do. Rentes	94½		unchgd
2½ do. Sterling Loan	101	¼	
3½ do. Govt. Securities	65½		unchgd
Bar Silver in London	30 5/16	1/16	
Do. do. 2 months' hence	30 1/16	1/16	
Do. in New York	65½	¼	
Exchange on London at Paris	25·18½		¼
Do. do. do. Berlin	20·46½		¼
Do. do. do. New York	4·86½		¼
Discount Bank of England Rate	4½%	since	11 Apl
Do. Short London Bills, 3 months' sight	3½%	unchgd	
Do. Indian Bank Bills, 6 months' sight	3½%	unchgd	
Do. 3 Months' Fine Trade Bills	3½%		¼
Do. 6 Months' Fine Trade Bills	3½%		¼
Interest Day-to-day Loans	1½%	unchgd	
Do. 7-day Market Loans	2½%	¼	

Amount paid into the Bank of England, £75,000.
Exchange on India, 30 days' sight (Bank's buying rate). ... ... 1s. 3 11/64d. unchgd.

Council Bills :—

At the Periodical Biddings for Council Bills on India to-day for Rs. 70,00,000—

Rs.	Mutilated were allotted to Calcutta.		
"	10,000	" "	to Bombay.
"	30,000	" "	to Madras.
Rs.	Mutilated at Mutilated		

Average rate of allotment, Calcutta and Bombay 16·09

TELEGRAPHIC TRANSFERS :—

Rs. 28,50,000	were allotted to Calcutta.
Rs. 38,10,000	were alloted to Bombay.
Rs. 3,00,000	were alloted to Madras.
Rs. 69,60,000	at 1s. 4½d.

Average rate of allotment Calcutta and Bombay 16·12.

Total amount of Bills sold during the week ending Tuesday evening, including last Public Sales ... ... Rs. 92,20,000
Amount to be allotted next week... Rs. 50,00,000

COTTON.

Liverpool—

Spots	... Mutilated.
Futures	... Mutilated,
East Indian	... Mutilated,
Manchester	... Mutilated,
Total Sales	...10,000 bales
Sold on Speculation and for Export	... 1,000 "
Imports	...28,000 "
Mid-Americans	...6·35+06
Egyptian F. G. F. Brown	...10 3/4—1/4

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES—

Apl.-May	May-June	June-July	July-Aug.
5·85	5·85	5·78	5·75
+04	+04	+03	+03

Aug.-Sept.	Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·88	5·63	5·59	5·58	5·58
+03	+02	+02	+02	+02

New York—

Receipts at U. S. Ports	... 9,000 bales
Do. do. last year	... 11,000 "
Exports to Great Britain	... 2,000 "
Do. to Continent	... 10,000 "

Spot Cotton,—11·25+10

Futures.—Month of July, 9·86 +09 } Declined early owing to weak cables and advanced later through small estimates for to-morrow's receipts.

Do. do. Dec. 10·12 +05

New Orleans—

Spot Cotton—11+1/16
Futures—Month of May 10·69+11.
Do. do. July 10·70+14.
Closing Tone of Futures—Steady.

ADDITIONAL QUOTATIONS.

Fine Broach	... ... d. 5 3/16
F. G. Broach	... ... d. 5 5/16
Good Broach	... ... d. 5 7/16

WHEAT.

Tone of Wheat—firm.

SEEDS.

Rapeseed—

Yellow Cawnpore, per 416 lbs. 85 per cent. ex-ship 51½ May-June—Antwerp—Value, Canal.
Brown Cawnpore, 48½ May-June—H A & D—Sellers Canal.
Tone of Rapeseed.—Firmer.

Linseed—

Bombay, per 416 lbs. ex-ship 44½, Apl-May, Dunkirk —Sellers Canal.
Tone of Linseed—Firmer.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Coffee—

In New York Fair Rio (No. 7 quality), 6¼—unchanged.

Metals—

Copper Braziers	... ...	£115	0 0
Yellow Metal	... ...		d. 9

Bar Iron—

Belgian Ordinary Sizes F. O. B., Antwerp	}	£ 6	17 0
Iron Corrugated Sheets 24 gauge G. O. B. 4 X F. O. B. Liverpool	}	£ 13	15 0
Basic Steel Bars F. O. B. Antwerp Net.	}	£ 7	0 0

Beef and Mutton Tallow—

Finest Australian Beef Tallow	... 35
" " Mutton Tallow	... 37/3
General tone of Tallow Auction	... Easier.

ARRIVALS :—
"Umhlali"—"Baluchistan"

IMPORTS OF TREASURE.

Packages.	Value.	From	Vessel.	Importer.
1 Bundle Rs....	Rs. 1,500	Muscat	Goalpara	Mack Mackenzie and Co
2 Bundles Rupees	4,000	Bushire	Goalpara	Mack Mackenzie and Co
1 Bundle Sovereigns. Rupees	405 1,895	Kuwait	Goalpara	David Sassoon and Co Ld.
1 Bundle Sovereigns	6,000	Jeddah	Naderi	N A A Baker.
1 Box Sovereigns Gold Coins	645 2,810	Alexandria	Oceana	A G H A A A Reeza
1 Box Rupees....	3,000	Suez	Oceana	S and G Fazal
5 Cases Sovereigns Gold Coins Rupees ...	20,535 9,440 9,000	Jeddah	Firozai	B & P S N Co
3 Packages Sovereigns. Gold Coins Rupees.	10,950 10,122 140	Jeddah	Firozai	H A A Reeza
8 Boxes Rupees.	8,000	Muscat	Goalpara	Comptoir National
3 Bundles Rs...	10,500	Linga	Goalpara	Sundry Natives.
2 Packages Sovereigns. Gold Coins... Rupees	18,300 2,697 1,300	Jeddah	Monsoori	Sundry Natives.
4 Bundles Rs...	8,000	Bahrein	Bulimba	Sundry Natives.
12 Bundles Sovereigns.. Gold Coins.. Rupees	480 2,660 23,285	Kuwait	Bulimba	Sundry Natives.
15 Bundles Rs...	30,200	Linga	Bulimba	Sundry Natives
1 Bundle Rs ...	2,000	[illegible]	Goalpara	A H Khemjee.

BOMBAY MARKETS.

TUESDAY EVENING,] [25TH APRIL, 1907.

FINANCIAL.

Money :—

The Bank of Bengal cash balance is Rs. 50 lakhs and their Bank rate has been reduced to 7 per cent. The Bank of Bombay rate is unchanged.

Exchange :—

Following a weaker allotment of Council Bills yesterday the local Exchange market opened distinctly weaker. In the morning some Banks tried to call the rate 1s. 4 11/32d. for 3 months' sight credits but Brokers found little difficulty in placing any bills that were offered at 1s. 4 5/16d. 3 months' sight. The latter rate obtains for May and perhaps 1s. 4 9/32d. 3 months' sight is the best rate for June delivery. Early in the day most Banks were offering to sell demand at 1s. 4 5/32d. for two mails but this rate was doubtful at the close. Most Banks quote 1s. 4 3/32d. for T. T. without finding any enquiry. Far Eastern rates are steady. We quote :—

T. T. on London	...1s. 4 1/32d. to 4 3/32d.
Demand Draft	... ... 1s. 4 1/32d.
Credits—3 months' sight	... 1s. 4 7/32d.
Do. 6 months' sight	... 1s. 4 1/32d.
Do. 3 months' sight—France	171¼
Do. 3 months' sight—Marks	120½
Hongkong—30 days' sight	... 155
Yokohama—30 days' sight	... 149½
Shanghai—30 days' sight	... 213

Government Paper :—

The market opened steady at 97 15/16 for cash and first settlement and 98½ for the second settlement. When it was known that the Bank of Bengal cash balance was up Rs. 50 lakhs and the Bank rate reduced to 7 per cent. rates improved slightly and at the close there are buyers for the settlement at 98. Calcutta market is steady at 98 ready and 98¼ for delivery forward in a month.

We quote :—

Cash	98
1st Settlement	98
2nd Settlement	98·3

Bullion :—

Bar Silver in London improved ¼ yesterday to 30 5/16 ready and 30 5/16 for delivery forward in two months. New York is steady at 65¼. Locally rates have been steady without much doing. Bar Gold is steady.

We quote :—

	Rs.	A.	P.
English Bar Gold	24	3	0
Australian Bar Gold	24	1	0
Bombay Bar Gold	24	0	0
English Shield Sovereigns	15	0	0
English Dragon Sovereigns	15	0	0
Silver *ex* Duty—Ready	77	8	0
Ditto 1st Settlement ...	77	8	0
Ditto 2nd Settlement ...	77	2	0

COTTON.

MARKET REPORT :—

There is again a slight advance in prices owing to the continued rise on the other side. The market is steady though there is no sign of any improvement in the demand for forward delivery. In spot cotton a fair business has been transacted. Exporters buying on much the same lines as before, while mills are enquiring more freely and are in the market for nearly all descriptions. The turn-over at Colaba showed some improvement.

New crop is firmer as to rates, but there is little or nothing doing.

QUOTATIONS :—

	Delivery.
Fine M. G. Broach	281/82 April
Fine M. G. Broach...	257/58 May.
Fine M. G. Nagpur Kampti ...	221 "
Fine M. G. Damangaum Fulgaon...	203 "
Fine M. G. Khangaum Akola ...	197 "
Fine M. G. Amraoti	197 "
F. G. M. G. Khandeish	173/74 "
Fine M. G. Khandeish	183 "
Fine M. G. Bengals	169 "
Good Westerns	231/32 "
Good Saw Ginned Dharwar ...	240/41 "

NEW CROP.

Good M. G. Broach ...	Rs. 246/47	Mar 08
Fully Good H. G. Bengals...	" 176/77	Jan 08
Fine M. G. Bengals	" 190	do.
" " Khangaum Akola ...	" 210/11	do.
Fully Good M. G. Khandeish ...	" 190	do.

Liverpool Opener :—

Opening tone	steady.
Estimated Sales	8,000 bales
Total Imports	26,000 "

FUTURE DELIVERY PRICES—

Apl.-May.	May-June.	June-July	July-Aug	Aug.-Sept
5·88	5·88	5·81	5·78	5·71
		+03		

Sept.-Oct.	Oct.-Nov.	Nov.-Dec.	Dec.-Jan.
5·66	5·62	5·60	5·60
+03		+02	

MISCELLANEOUS.

LINSEED—

The market continues steady with a moderate demand. We quote :—

Ready	... Rs. 7 5 0
May	... " 7 13 0

RAPESEED—

The market is firmer and prices continue to harden. We quote :—

Ready Brown Cawnpore	... 8 0 0 to Rs. 8 1 0
" Yellow Guzerat	... 9 1 0

Gingellyseed :—

Bold White	... Rs. 54 8 0
Yellow Hingunghat	... " 54 0 0

Tone Quiet. Little doing,

CASTORSEED :—

	... Rs. 35 8 0

Tone.—Quiet.

COTTONSEED :—

	... " 18 8 0 to Rs. 19 0 0

Tone—Steadier.

POPPYSEED :—

	... " 9 12 0

Tone—Easier.

GROUNDNUTS :—

	... Rs. 41 0 0

Tone—Steady.

WHEAT :—

White Delhi,	... ... " 4 11 6

Tone—Firmer.

THE SHARE MARKET.

BANKS—	
Bombay	1,360
India	53
MILLS—	
Century	1,600
David	353½
Kohinoor	655
Manockji Petit	3,035
PRESSES—	
Hingoli	125
MISCELLANEOUS—	
Bombay Flour Mill	905
Bombay Steam Nav Preference...	270
Central India Mining	575 C. D.
Port Canning	445
Shivrajpur Mining Syndicate ...	76 1/2
RAILWAYS—	
Ahmedabad Dholka	100
Tapti Valley	4571/2 X D.

RECEIPTS.

The following are the receipts of Cotton and Produce into Bombay during the 24 hours ended at 6 p.m. yesterday :—

Cotton	13,761 bales.
Wheat	6,969 cwts.
Linseed	18,558 "
Rapeseed...	12,378 "
Gingellyseed	322 "
Poppyseed	26,334 "
Groundnuts	597 "
Castorseed	9,929 "
Rice	5,594 "
Myrabollams	8,226 "
Cottonseed	14,884 "
Mowraseed	Nil "
Gram	4,523 "
Joowar	11,750 "
Maize	93 "

KARACHI FREIGHT MARKET.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, APRIL 25.

The Freight Market is very quiet and does not respond to the advance owing to the squeeze for April shipment in Bombay. For near positions, owing to heavy rains in the Punjab and the United Provinces, shippers are not inclined to go on, as not only arrivals are checked owing to the bad state of roads but to the certainty that crop will be later than anticipated.

A LADY, who is a furniture remover, carrying on business at Hanwell, has on her vans the following appeal to the public : "Don't worry—get married—and keep on moving."

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BOMBAY.

DEATH.

ROSE—April 21, at Bombay, the beloved wife of Robert Cox.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

ALEXANDER—April 17, at Secundarabad, the wife of Major J. L. Alexander, 33rd Q. O. Light Cavalry, of a son.

KING—April 19, at the Station Hospital, Jubbulpore, the wife of Assistant Surgeon H. Anderson King, of a son.

DEATHS.

BIRD—April 17, at Ambala, Douglas Wilberforce Bird, youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. A. Bird.

COATES—April 20, at Neemuch, C. L., Isabelle Eva, beloved wife of Captain T. S. Coates, B. A. M. C. (nee Hare Scott).

DOUYERS—April 18, at the General Hospital, Howrah, Minna Adelaide, the dearly beloved wife of W. M. Douyers, driver, E. I. Ry., succumbed to her dreadful injuries caused by accidental fire.

JACKSON—April 16, at the General Hospital, Howrah, Ethel Rose, the dearly beloved wife of B. J. Barns Jackson, District Boiler Inspector, E. I. R., and only daughter of W. M. Douyers, driver, E. I. Ry., succumbed to her dreadful injuries caused by fire in trying to save her mother.

MURRAY—April 14, at Undercliff, Mussoorie, Eliza Jane Frances, widow of the late Captain James Murray, aged 73 years.

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P. and O. s.s. "Arabia," with English mails of 12th inst., due to arrive at 9 a. m.

Chamber of Commerce, ballot for election of two Port Trustees, 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

Gaiety Theatre, Variety Entertainment, 9-30 p. m.

THE PARSEE BARONET C. C.—This cricket club has been formed recently and has already seventy-five members amongst whom are several who have played in Presidency matches.

GAMBLING AT FALKLAND ROAD.—Before Mr. C. H. Setalwad, Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Draper prosecuted Abdulla Abraham and seven others with gambling in a house at Falkland Road. In consequence of information the house was raided and the accused were arrested red-handed. All the accused pleaded guilty and were each fined Rs. 20.

ILLICIT SALE OF COCAINE.—At the Masagon, Police Court, yesterday, before Mr. C. H. Setalwad Fourth Presidency Magistrate, Inspector Lewis and Mr. Cooverji Darasha, Inspector of Abkari, prosecuted a Hindu woman named Narbadabai for selling cocaine without a license. On the 15th instant she sold two packets of cocaine to a Mahomedan in Kamattipura where she kept a grocer's shop. While selling the two packets she was arrested, and a search disclosed thirty-six packets of cocaine concealed in the shop. She was fined Rs. 75.

BAND AT THE YACHT CLUB LAWN.—By kind permission of Lt.-Col. J. S. McNeill, V. D., and Officers of the 1st Bn. G. I. P. Ry. Vols band will play the following programme of music under the direction of Mr. A. Mallandaine, B. M., commencing at 6-15 p.m. to-day.

March	Le Petit Soldat ... W G Beathy
Finale Act II ...	Vittori Pisany ... Pere
Selection ...	A Country Girl ... Monckton
Apiece	The Whistler and his dog ... A Pryor
Selection ...	The Mikado ... Sullivan
A Summer Idyl	Hiawatha ... Neil Moret

POSTAL NOTICES.—Mails for Ceylon, Singapore, China and Japan per extra s.s. "Bombay Maru" will be closed at the General Post Office at 4 p. m. to-morrow. Parcel mail for Japan close at 3-10 p.m., on the same day. Mails for Natal, Cape Colony, Delagoa Bay and other places in South Africa per extra s.s. "Umlazi" via Tuticorin and Colombo will be closed at the General Post Office at 7-30 p.m. on the 29 instant. A supplemental mail will also be closed at 7-30 p.m. on the 30th instant.

THE VICTORIA GARDENS :—The following animals have been kindly presented to the Zoological collection Nalbrouck monkey (Cercopithecus cynosurus) by Captain Mitchell ; twe Wolf Cubs (Canis pallipes) by Mr. R. R. Boyd ; Indian Gazelle (Gazella Bennethi) by Mr. Sayad Abdul Azis ; Himalayan Bear (Ursustarguatus) by Mr. H. Parkis ; Leopard cub (Felispardus) by Mr. J. Ghosal, I. C. S. ; Indian Wild Dog (Cyon dukhenensis) by Mr. J. Kipling; 4 Peafowls (Pavo cristus) by Mr. Oadaimal. Brown Palm, civet cat (Paradoxurus Jerdoni) by Mr. J. W. Hawes; Sykes' Monkey (cercopithecus albogularis) by Mr. Ananji Nanji.

THE CHARGE OF DEFAMATION.—In the Esplanade Police Court, Bombay, Mr. A. H. S. Aston, Chief Presidency Magistrate, recorded further evidence on Wednesday afternoon in the charge of defamation made by Mr. J. Bhim against Mr. E. Scarpa. Complainant said he never attempted to go on board a ship when it was in quarantine : no Police Officer had ever questioned him about his behaviour. Johann Ferrares, Assistant in the Austrian Lloyd's office, said the letter in question was written by him in German at Mr. Scarpa's dictation : the post-script was in Mr. Scarpa's hand writing. For certain reasons Mr. Scarpa, and witness and Mr. Pithaco, who was Chief Assistant in the Austrian Lloyd's Bombay Agency Office, came to the conclusion that it was complainant who had behaved objectionably at the steamer's departure. Mr. Julius Meyer said that he went with the complainant on the 31st March to see his wife, Mrs. Meyer, off by the "Austria." Witness said that complainant was with him in the afternoon. Mr. Byrne, who appeared for the defendant, said that though his client had drawn the conclusion from the information he had received that the complainant was present at the time when the incident near the steamer took place, it might be that he was not present there. The hearing was adjourned to the 2nd May.

THE J. J. HOSPITAL STUDENTS.—The following petition has been sent to H. E. the Governor by the Students of the J. J. Hospital :—"Your petitioners, the undersigned students of the Grant Medical College, Bombay, beg to lay before you the following for your very favourable consideration. Your petitioners have heard with very great pleasure that Government have at last been able to make arrangements for building residential quarters for the students of our College. Your petitioners are further informed that Government have for that purpose acquired certain plots of land situate at Agripada from the City of Bombay Improvement Trust. Your petitioners have no reason to complain about the sanitation or surroundings of the said plots. At the same time your petitioners venture to draw your attention to the fact that they are situate at considerable distance—nearly a mile and a half from the College Building. You are aware that our duties and work require us at odd hours of the day, and night and it would be highly desirable and exceedingly convenient if the residential quarters are provided in the close vicinity of the College. Your petitioners are informed that Government have acquired and now possess certain plots, adjacent to the College. If that is so, your petitioners beg to request Government to appropriate the latter plots for the purpose of the residential quarters and thereby not only lay us poor students under deep obligation but also greatly facilitate the work of the J. J. Hospital, because the students being near the College would be able to devote more time to work in the wards.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

SMALL CAUSES COURT.

THE RECENT JUSTICES' ELECTION.

Further Proceedings.

At the Small Causes Court, yesterday, his Honour the learned Chief Judge, Mr. N. W. Kemp, resumed the further hearing of the petition filed by Sir Bhalchandra Krishna, Mr. Jehangir B. Petit and Mr. H. A. Wadia, praying for declaration that the recent Justices' election to the Bombay Municipal Corporation was null and void by reason of its not being a fair and free one. Mr. M. A. Jinnah, instructed by Mr. Bhaishanker of Messrs. Bhaishanker and Co., appeared for the petitioners; Mr. F. Sorabji Talyarkhan, instructed by the Hon'ble Mr. Dikshit of Messrs. Dikshit and Co., appeared for Sir P. M. Mehta ; and Mr. Acworth of Messrs. Little and Co., represented the other respondents.

The proceedings opened yesterday by a further examination of Sulleman Abdul Wahed. Examined by Mr. Acworth, the witness said the first conversation between him and Mr. Harrison took place in July or August at Poona. On his return to Bombay he went to Mr. Harrison's office and told him he was sorry he could not stand.

Mr. Acworth : One of the reasons you gave for that was that you wanted to vote for Sir P. M. Mehta ?

Witness : I said I had promised to vote for Sir Mehta, Mr. J. A. Wadia, and Mr. Mandlik who was not then on the ticket.

You also told him about your indirect interest in the Municipal contract ?

Yes, and so I told him to take in Mr. Haji Yusuf. It was then arranged that I should not stand.

Later on, about the end of December you went to see Mr. Harrison about your getting into the Corporation through a nomination by Government ?

Yes. I told Mr. Harrison of my intentions, but he said he could not promise me.

Continuing, witness said that at the end Mr. Harrison reminded him of his previous conversation and asked him whether he was free from the municipal contract. He asked witness to take legal opinion. Witness went accordingly to Mr. Dinshaw of Messrs. Payne & Co., who said witness was quite safe. After that, witness got a letter from Mr. Harrison telling him that Mr. Ibrahim was out and so he would put witness in his place. Mr. Wahed took some time to consider over the matter as he thought it was too late and that he would run the risk of a failure. As he thought that Mr. Dinshaw's opinion was a good one, he wrote to Mr. Harrison on the 12th February informing him of the legal opinion taken. He was nominated on the 14th. After his nomination, on a Friday or Saturday he got a telephonic message from Mr. Dinshaw and witness told him to take the opinion of either Mr. Lowndes or Mr. Inverarity. He said he would rather have it from Mr. Lowndes ; subsequently he received the opinion of Mr. Lowndes. He was not present in Mr. Lowndes' chamber when that opinion was given. He did not know on what facts that opinion was based. He first saw the opinion in Mr. Dinshaw

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THE DEATH OF MAHOMET.

TO-DAY, Friday, is the solemn annual commemoration, held by Mahomedans all over the world, of the death of their prophet, Mahomet. This day is popularly supposed to be his birthday also, for Mahomet like some other great men, Sir Thomas Browne, for instance, is commonly believed to have died on the same day that he had been born. But this is an error, for Sir William Muir, his best biographer, says that we may accept the date of birth carefully computed by the great scholar Caussin de Perceval, as the 20th of August, while the date of his death was the 8th of June. The day is called Bari Wafat, or the day of great death, or Wafat Nabari, the death of the prophet, and a solemn feast is held on it, which is the 13th day of the Mahomedan month of Rabiulawal, or the first of the two months called Rabi. On the two preceding days processions take place, and what are called relics of the sacred hair and the impression of the foot of the prophet are brought forth and honour done to them by the faithful. We may on this occasion of great solemnity to two hundred million people of the earth as the death-day of him, whom they reverence as their prophet, recount the circumstances of Mahomet's death, which are somewhat remarkable as indeed are all the particulars of his life and career. Mahomet though persecuted long enough in his early life, did not, like some other prophets of old, notably Christ and Zoroaster, die at the hands of his enemies. It was not a dramatic close of a life like those of these prophets that is celebrated to-day. He was not judicially murdered at the end of a mock trial like the former or killed by a brigand in his own temple while ministering at the fire altar like the latter. Mahomet's career of sixty-three years was stormy enough; he met with great persecution; he led out legions against his enemies and converted them to a belief in his prophetical mission, by force. At the very time of his death he was engaged in fitting out an expedition against the hostile Syrians, who refused to accept him as their prophet and had defeated his legions. But strangely, the very close of his life was not quite in keeping with his militant career throughout. He died, not on the battle-field, at the hands of tribes enraged at his pretensions, but of a short illness in the midst of dear relatives and faithful followers.

Mahomet took pride in the fact that he was born in the glorious reign of Chosroes or Noshirwan, surnamed the Just, the greatest monarch of the Parsi Sasanian Empire then at its height. This Chosroes has the immortal honour of giving his name in the form of Kaiser to almost all European languages to denote Emperor, as Cæsar gave his name to the Russian Czar. This proud Kaiser little dreamt that towards the close of his reign was born on the remote confines of his vast Empire among the despised Saracens of Arabia, one who was destined to overthrow his power in a short time and drive his family into hopeless exile, making Persia give up the faith of its ancestors and adopt his own. There is a credible tradition that on the night of the birth of Mahomet, the palace of Chosroes at Clesiphan was shaken, and fourteen of its turrets fell; the lake Tawah sank, and the fires of the Persian temples were extinguished which had never happened before for a thousand years—all precursors of the terrible shaking the Persian Empire and its fire altars were to receive at the handiwork of the child then born. Mahomet was born in 570 A.D. in a reduced but leading family of the tribe of the Koreish in Mecca, a little after the death of his father Abdullah, a name corresponding to the Hebrew name Abdiel, meaning servant of God and common among the Arabs in those days. Mahomet was celebrated for the beauty of his person, and Gibbon has described this in a striking passage in his character of the prophet, on which he has lavished so much of his skill and power. "His audience" writes he with unwonted enthusiasm, "applauded his commanding presence, his majestic aspect, his piercing eye, his gracious smile, his flowing beard, his countenance that painted every sensation of the soul, and his gestures that enforce each expression of the tongue." With this beauty of person, which, as Gibbon well remarks, is seldom despised, except by those to whom it has been refused, he combined an excellent health, and he was never known to suffer from any serious illness except on one occasion when he quickly recovered his wonted health. But a very untoward accident happened towards the close of his life, when he was in his sixtieth year, and shattered his health. When he was at Kheibar, on the way to Syria, against the stiff-necked people who refused to recognise him as prophet, he was poisoned by a lady who had lost husband as well as father and brothers in the war and who laid before him a shoulder of mutton that had been secretly steeped in venom. A valued general died of the poison, and Mahomet escaped with his life, but the effects of the venoms remained till his death which was indirectly caused by it. His vigorous constitution put off its evil effects for some time. But even in a weaken state he kept up his custom of leading the prayers in the Mesquein the Court of which were the apartments of his favourite wife Ayesha the daughter of Abu Bekr. At last he could not even feebly walk to the Mosque, and ordered Abu Bekr to take his place there, a clear indication that he wished him to be his successor or Caliph, afterwards the cause of much disunion among his followers and the origin of the schism between the Sunnis and the Shiahs who were in favour of Ali, the son-in-law of Mahomet, the husband of his beloved daughter, Fatima.

On his death-bed those around him enumerated the drugs they had given him whereupon he cried out—"Out upon you! This is a remedy for the pleurisy, an evil disease is it, which the Lord will not let atttack me. Now you shall all of you within this chamber partake of the same. Let not one remain without being physicked, even as you have physicked me, excepting only my uncle Abbas." So all the women arose and they poured the physic, in presence of the dying prophet into each other's mouths! How strangely, remarks Muir, it must have contrasted with the solemnity of the Prophet's death-bed! After this strange scene the conversation turning on Abyssinia and the beautiful cathedrals there, Mahomet said "these are the people who when a saint among them dieth build over his tomb a place of worship, and the adorn it with their pictures—in the eyes of the Lord, the worst part of all creation." Then he asked for pen and paper that "I may make for you a writing which shall hinder you from going astray for ever," thereby meaning in all probability to write the name of his successor. When after a time pen and paper were brought he asked to be left alone "for my present state is better than that which ye call me to." But evidently Mahomet could not have used pen and paper for he did not know how to write, and gloried in being the illiterate prophet depending on inspiration alone. Next day although the fever was heavy Mahomet left Ayesha's room where he lay and slowly tottered on a sudden into the Mosque close by where people had assembled to hear prayers from the mouth of Abu Bekr. He slowly moved to the pulpit where Abu Bekr stood and sat on the ground by his side till prayers were over. He then sat in the courtyard of the Mosque and addressed the overjoyed multitude for the last time." By the Lord, said he, "as for myself verily no man can lay hold of me in any matter; I have not made lawful any thing excepting that which God hath made lawful; nor have I prohibited ought but that which God in his book had prohibited." And with his last breath he encouraged the expedition to Syria and said to its commander Osama, "Go forward with the army; and the blessing of the Lord be with thee." Then he was helped back into Ayesha's room where he lay quite exhausted upon the pallet stretched on the ground. This was but the last flicker of an expiring taper. Ayesha raised his head from the pillow and laid it tenderly upon her bosom. He was aware that his end was approaching and calling for a pitcher of water he wetted his face and prayed thus his last prayer, "O Lord, I beseech thee assist me in the agonies of death!" Then three times he earnestly repeated "Gabriel come close unto me and expired." It is this solemn event—of the death of a prophet that has affected a considerable portion of the civilized and semi-civilized worlds for thirteen centuries, consoled and comforted the minds and hearts of untold millions in the past and will do so in the future, a prophet who whatever may be the judgment that we may pass, if we feel ourselves capable of judging such a character, on particular points in his life and career, was yet sincere and earnest to the core,—which will be celebrated to-day throughout Islam. But the Mahomedans here in India observe it particularly, and indeed as some say, it is a day instituted by them specially. On this day *fatihahs* will be recited for Mahomet's soul, and both in private houses and mosques portions of the Traditions and other works in praise of the prophet's excellences will be read.

RECENT AMERICAN LEGISLATION.

IT would be hard to recall a Session of the fifty-nine American Congresses which has been more responsive to public opinion than that which has recently terminated. The feeling that the people should have some means of controlling the great corporations, and that by Federal or national power, has taken definite shape and though Congress has not by any means solved the problem it has shown definitely that the question has been taken up and current events prove conclusively that it will not be allowed to be dropped. But beyond this the Session has been one of remarkable legislative activity. The most far-reaching measure was the Railway Rate Bill. The American railways have hitherto stood in an exceptionally loose and ill-defined relation to the National Government. Almost up to 1870 very little attempt was made by the States, outside New England, and practically none whatever by the Federal Government, to supervise them. The dominant economic creed of the time was that unrestrained competition among the railway companies themselves was all the protection that the public interests required. Only when it was realised that in practice this need resulted in gross discriminations in rates and fares between shipper and shipper and locality and locality did the demand for a more stringent and effective regulation of railways become really insistent. Nor is it the railways alone that the Fifty-ninth Congress has proceeded against. It passed in its first Session two measures that were powerfully opposed by interested corporations. One was the Meat Inspection Bill, the outcome of the unsavoury Chicago scandals, which gives the consumer all the guarantee that any Government can furnish that the material, the processes, and the products of the-meat packing business have been carefully inspected, and that what he buys in tins is both wholesome and what it pretends to be. Another excellent measure which stands to the credit of the Fifty-ninth Congress is the Pure Food Bill.

In foreign affairs the Congress has also done much good work. The ratification of the Algeciras Treaty and the passing of the San Domingo Treaty are both notable, for the first affirms America's interest in the affairs of the Old World while the latter strengthens the United States' influence in the West Indies and South America. The Fifty-ninth Congress topped the record for liberality. Its appropriations during the two years of its existence amounted to nearly £400,000,000. It succumbed to a long and pernicious agitation by granting every Northern soldier who served ninety days in the Civil War who was honourably discharged, and who is now over sixty-two years of age, a pension of from twelve to twenty dollars a month, whether he needs it or not. It also raised the salary of members of Congress from £1,000 to £1,200 a year, and increased the salaries in some of the Government service departments. It ordered an investigation into the conditions of child and female labour throughout the country, and it voted down, or rather talked out, the Ship Subsidy Bill. On the other hand, it failed to revise, or in any way modify, the Dingley Tariff, or to reorganise the Consular Service or to provide for the permanent housing of American Legations and Embassies abroad. But on the whole the Fifty-ninth Congress has deserved well of the Republic. It did best when it followed Mr. Rooselvelt's lead most closely, and worst when it refused to listen to him.

LAND RECORDS IN BOMBAY.

THE annual report in the Department of Land Records in the Bombay Presidency issued by Director Mr. E. S. Curtis, seems to bear out the old adage that "when the cat's away the mice will play." Excellent work was done by the higher officials, but in too many cases subordinates seem to have taken every opportunity of shirking work. This is shown in several directions. Circle Inspectors in the Central Division profited by the experience of last year that those who failed to pass the tests at the end of their course of training had to repeat the course at their own expense. But in other Divisions there is still a large amount of laziness and in the Northern Division the Superintendent complained that "the Circle Inspectors, more especially the graduates, took little or no pains to acquire a knowledge of survey, in fact treated the course as a prolonged holiday." Steps have been taken to prevent a repetition of this. Turning to the training of Village Accountants in survey work the Director records that, except in Khandesh, the results have, so far, been practically *nil*. Orders have been issued that a fixed amount of survey work should be done by each before receiving a certificate, but these orders have remained a dead letter owing to the fact that the accountants, so it is alleged, have been unable to secure the labourers necessary for chain and flag work. This statement is openly doubted and the Director states that in his opinion the real difficulty lies in the fact that the superiors carry out their work indifferently. Then comes the difficulty of insisting on proper training on the part of men who are at liberty to resign when ordered to do work that is not quite congenial, in fact the question has to be faced whether the experiment will ever prove successful. It has to be admitted, however, that the Department has peculiar difficulties in the way of ranging on its work. In the matter of the record of rights, taking the Presidency as a whole, the progress made was satisfactory when the prevalence of famine is remembered. In Gujarat especially good work was done, but everywhere there is disinclination on the part of owners to come forward to record their rights and, in many districts, no effort seems to have been made to keep the registers up to date. This, however, it is expected, will be remedied by the levy of fees under the Record of Rights Act when that power has become clearly understood, and at present it is frequently found necessary to levy such fees. The question of the improvement of the present form of the Record of Rights and utilizing it so as to take the place of some of the other village accounts was still under consideration at the time of the compilation of the report.

THE N. Y. K. Steamer *Ceylonmaru* left Singapore for Penang yesterday.

THE German East Africa Line steamer *Kaiser* left Zanzibar for Bombay last night via Lamu and Mombassa.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. *Peninsular* with the homeward Mails of the 20th instant arrived at Aden at 11-30 p.m. on Wednesday.

THE P. and O. Company's s.s. *Britannia* with the outward Mails of the 19th instant left Suez at 6-30 a.m. on Thursday.

THE Florio and Rubattino Company's s. s. *Dominico Balduino* left Suez for Aden and Bombay on the 25th inst.

SRINAGAR and its suburbs were free from cholera during the week ending 22nd instant. During the same period 248 seizures and 113 deaths were reported from the Districts of Kashmir.

THE Simla Municipality has been successful so far in keeping the plague, which is occasioning such havoc in the Punjab plains, at arm's length. Up to the present this Season, only three cases have been imported into Simla, and as these have been promptly discovered and isolated the disease has failed to obtain a foothold.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Prantoj Railway for the week ending 9th March, amounted to Rs. 5,535, being an increase on the corresponding week of previous year, of Rs. 1,813. The total earnings from 1st January to 9th March were Rs. 50,925, being an increase on the corresponding period of previous year, of Rs. 6,562.

THE statement of traffic of the Tapti Valley Railway for the week ending 9th March, amounted to Rs. 19,691, being a decrease on the corresponding week of previous year, of Rs. 7,605. The total earnings from 1st January to 9th March were Rs. 2,48,053, being a decrease on the corresponding period of previous year, of Rs. 1,17,125.

THE statement of traffic of the Ahmedabad Dholka Railway for the week ending 9th March, amounted to Rs. 1,840, being a decrease on the corresponding week of previous year, of Rs. 86. The total earnings from 1st January to 9th March were Rs. 19,174, being an increase on the corresponding period of previous year, of Rs. 2,741.

DURING the week ending 23rd April forty-two and a half chests of opium were removed from warehouse in Bombay. Of these 6 were shipped to Cutch-Mandvi, 26½ were purchased for the Bombay Government, ½ by the farmer at Palitana, 2 by the farmer at Godhra, 2 by the farmer at Surat, 5½ by the farmer at Ahmedabad, and ½ by the farmer at Sayla. During the week 36 chests were imported.

A CONCERT in aid of the Indo-British School has been arranged by Mrs. Hopkins for May 1st, at the Y. M. C. A. Hall, Wodehouse Road. The charity for which the Concert is to be given is a most deserving one, and is urgently in need of funds. Among the vocalists, on Wednesday next, will be the Misses Crommelin Browne, Mr. Cooper and Mr. Marsh. Seats may be booked at the Y. W. C. A. and at Messrs. Lund and Blockley's.

THE Hongkong correspondent of the *Times of Ceylon* cabled on the 20th instant :—"Sir Mathew Nathan, left Hongkong to-day on his way to Europe preparatory to taking up the Governorship of Natal, and he was given a very cordial send-off by the Colony. The Emperor of Japan has given an audience to General Booth. Twenty stores, and one hundred houses have been burned down in Tientsin. One effect of the fire was that all the electric lights were extinguished and the tram-car service ceased."

THE total number of deaths registered in Bombay during the week ending April 23 was 991, giving a death-rate of 64·66 per annum per thousand as against 144·07 the corresponding period of last year, and 105·54 the average over the past five years. Of the total number 89 died from fevers; 376, plague; 3, small-pox; 2, measles; 2, cholera; 4, leprosy; 57, phthisis; 28, diseases of the nervous system; 177, affections of the respiratory organs; 45, diarrhœa; 10, dysentery; 26, still-born; 87, old age and debility; 12, accidents and violence. The classified list of deaths shows :—Jain, 29; Brahmin, 32; Lingaet, 2; Bhattia, 10; Hindu of other caste, 524; Hindu low caste, 104; Musalman 191; Parsee, 26; Jew, 2; Native Christian, 32; Eurasian, 5 and European, 5. The total number of births was 346 as against 396 the corresponding period of last year, and 311 the average over the past five years. The rate of mortality according to the new census was 51·31 per thousand.

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MR. DOOLEY ON GLORY,
BY
F. P. DUNNE.

"Well, sir," said Mr. Dooley, "Hogan has been in here this afternoon, an' I've heerd more scandal talked thin I iver thought was in the world."

"Hogan had betther keep quiet," said Mr. Hennessy. "If he goes circulatin' anny stories about me I'll—"

"Ye needn't worry," said Mr. Dooley. "We didn't condiscend to talk about annywan iv ye're infeeryor station. If ye want to be th' subjict iv our scand'lous discoorse ye'd betther got out an' make a reputation. No, sir, our talk was entoirely about th' gr-reat an' illustrous, an' it ran all th' way fr'm Julius Cayzer to Ulysees Grant.

"Dear, oh dear, but they were th' bad lot. Thank th' Lord nobody knows about me. Thank th' Lord I had th' good sinse to retire fr'm pollyticks whin me reputation had spread as far as Halsted Sthreet. If I'd let it go a block farther, I'd've been sorry fr' it th' rest iv me life an some years afther me death.

"I wanted to be famous in thim days, whin I was young an' foolish. 'Twas th' dhream iv me life to have people say as I wint by: 'There goes Dooley th' gr-reatest stateaman iv his age,' and have thim name babies, sthreets, schools, canal boats, an' five-cint seegars afther me, 'an' whin I died to have it put in th' books that, at this critical peeryod in th' histhry of America there was need iv a man who combined sthrenth iv charackter with love iv counthry. Such a man was found in Martin Dooley a prom'nent retail liquor dealer in Ar-rchey road. That's what I wanted, an' I'm glad I didn't get me wish. If I had 'tis little attintion to me charackter that th' books iv what Hogan calls bi-ography wud pay, but a good deal to me deéds. Though they mintioned th' fact that I resked death fr' me adopted fatherland, they'd make th' more inthrestin' story about th' time I almost met it be fallin' down stairs while runnin' away fr'm a polisman. Fr' wan page they'd print about me love iv counthry, they'd print fifty about me love iv boose.

THE ETERNAL FEMININE.

"Th' things thim gr-reat men done wud give thim a place in Byrne's book. If Julius Caysar was alive to-day he'd be doin' a lock-step down in Joliet. He was a corner loafer in his youth an' a robber in his old age. He busted into churches, fooled around with other men's wives, curled his hair with a poker, an' smelled iv perfumery like a Saturday night car. An' his wife was a suspicyous charackter an' he turned her away. Napolyon Bonypart, impror iv th' Fr-rinch, was far too gay aven fr' thim friv'lous people, an' had fits. His first wife was no betther than she shud be, an' his second wife didn't care fr' him. Willum Shakespeare is well known as an author of plays that no wan can play, but he was betther known as a two handed drinker, a bad actor, an' a thief. His wife was a common scold an' led him th' life he descarved.

"They niver leave th' ladies out iv these stories iv th' gr-reat. A woman that marries a janius has a fine chance iv her false hair becomin' more immortal thin his gr-reatest deed. It don't make anny diff'rence if all she knew about her marital hero was that he was a consistent feeder, a sleepy husband, an' an indulgent father to his childher an' sometimes to himself, an' that she had to darn his socks. Nearly all th' gr-reat men had something th' matter with their wives. I always thought Mrs. Wash'nton, who was th' wife iv th' father iv our counthry, though childless hersilf, was about right. She looks good in th' pitchers, with a shawl around her neck an' a f'iled night-cap on her head. But Hogan says she had a tongue sharper thin George's sword, she insulted all his frinds, she was much older thin him, an' she liked food that they cudden't keep anny longer in th' ice-box As Fr George, he was a case. I wish th' counthry had got itself a diff'rent father. A gr-reat moral rellijous counthry like this deserves a better parent.

"They were all alike. I think iv Bobby Burns as a man that worte good songs, even if they were in a bar'brous accint, but Hogan thinks iv him as havin' a load all th' time an' bein' th' scandal iv his parish. I raymimber Andhrew Jackson as th' man that licked th' British at Noo Orleans be throwin' cotton bales at thim, but Hogan raymimbers him as a man that cudden't spell an' had a wife who smoked a corncob pipe. I raymimber Abraham Lincoln fr' freein' th' slaves, but Hogan raymimbers how he used to cut loose yarns that m de th' bartinder shake th' stove harder thin it needed. I raymimber Grant fr' what he done around Shiloh whin he was young, but Hogan raymimbers him fr' what he done around New York whin he was old.

AN AFFECTING INCIDENT.

"An' so it goes. Whin a lad with nawthin' else to do starts out to write a bi-ography about a gr-reat man, be don't go to th' war departmint or th' public library. No, Sir, he begins to search th' bureau dhrawers, old pigeons holes, th' records iv th' polis coort, an' th' recollections iv the hired girl. He likes letters betther thin annything e'se. He don't care much fr' th' kind beginnin': 'Dear wife, I'm settin' in front of th' camp fire, wearin' th' flannel chest protector ye made me, a an' dhreamin' iv ye;' but if he can find wan beginnin': 'Little Bright Eyes: Th' old woman has gone to th' counthry,' he's th' happiest bi-grapher ye cud see in a month's thravel.

"Hogan had wan iv thim books in here th' other day. 'Twas written by a frind so ye can see it wasn't prejudiced wan way or another. 'At this time,' says the book, 'an ivint happened that was destined to change th' whole coorse iv our hero's life. Wan day, while in a sthreet car, where he lay dozin fr'm dhrink he awoke to see a beautiful woman thryin' to find a nickel in a powder muff. Th' brutal conductor towered over her, an' it was more thin th Gin'ral cud bear. Risin' to his feet, with an oath, he pulled th' rope iv th' fare register an' fell off th' car.

"Th' incident made a deep impression on th' Gin'ral. I have no doubt he often throught iv his beautiful Madonna iv th' throlly although he niver said so. But wan night as he staggered out iv th' dinin' room at th' German Ambassadure's, where he had consumed his custom'ry four bottles iv brandy who shud he run acrost but th' fair vision iv th' surface line. She curtsied low an' picked him up, an' there began a frindship so full iv sorrow an' happinees to both iv thim. He seldom mintioned her, but wan night he was heard to mutter: 'Her face is like wan iv Rembrand's saints.' A few historyans contind that what he said was: 'Her face looks like a remnant sale,' but I connot believe this.

"They exchanged brilliant letters fr' manny years, in fact outil th' enchanthress was locked up. I have not-been able to find anny iv his letters, but hers fell into th' hands iv wan iv his faithful servants, who preserved an' published thim. (Love an' Letter iv Gin'ral Dhreadnought an' Alfaretta Agonized; Stolen. Collected an' Edited be James Snodgrass.)

AN OFF-SET TO HISTORY.

...Next year was mim'rable fr' his glorious victhry at Punkheim, all th' more wondherful because at th' time our hero was sufferin' fr'm delseryum thremens. It shows th' fortitude iv the Gen'ral, an' that he was as gr-reat a liar as I have indicated in th' precedin' pages, that with th' cheers iv his sojers ringin' in his ears an' pink monkeys dancin' before his eyes, he cud still write home to his wife: 'Ol' girl—I can't find annything fit to dhrink down here; Can't ye sind me some cider fr'm th' farm.

...In 1895 he was accused iv embezzlement, but the charges niver reached his ears or th' publick's until eight years afther his death. . . . In '67 his foster brother that he had neglected in Kansas City, slipped on his ballroom flure an' broke his leg. . . . In '70 his wife died afther torturin' him fr' fifty years. They were singularly badly mated couple, with a fam'ly iv fourteen childher but he did not live long to enjoy his happiness. Fr' some reason he niver left his house, but passed away within a month, one of th' gr-reatest men th' cinchry has projooced. For further details iv th' wrong things he done see th' notes at th' end iv th' volume.

"It seems to me, Hinnisey, that this here thing called bi-ography is a kind iv an offset fr' histhry. Histhry lies on wan side, an' bi-ography comes along an' makes it rowl over an' lie on th' other side. Histhry says a man is nearly a Gawd; bi-ography says he's on'y a poor kind iv a man. Th'

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historyan says, go up; the bi-ographer, come do among us. I don't believe aysther iv thim.

"I was talkin' with Father Kelly about it a Hogan wint out. 'Were they all as bad, thim that I've been brought up to think so glorys says I 'They were men,' says Father Kelly. mustn't believe all ye hear about thim, no matt who says it,' says he.

'It's a trait iv human nature to pull down gr-reat an' sthrong. Th' hero sthrute throu histhry with his chin up in th' air, his scepter his hand an' his crown on his head. But behi him dances a boot-black imitatin' his walk makin' faces at him. Fame invites a man out his house to be crowned fr' his glorio deeds, an' serves him with a warrant batin' his wife. 'Tis not in th' nature things that it shudden't be so. We'd perish iv humilyation if th' gr-reat men iv wurruld didn't have nachral low-down thraits. they don't happen to possess thim, we make som up fr' thim. We allow no man to tower over Wan way or another we level th' wurruld to o own height. If we can't resch th' heros head cut off his legs. It always makes me feel sick about mesilf whin I r-read how bad Julius Cayz was. An' it stimylates compytition. If gr-reatn an' goodness were baud in hand 'tis small chanc anny iv us wud have iv seein' our pitchers in th papers.'

A TOMBSTONE BIOGRAPHY.

"'But,' says I, 'no wan wud iver thry gloryous if he knew that he was on'y openin way fr'a careful inquiry into his pers nal says I. 'Ye'd catch me leapin an' ar-rmy lot of la-ads with cannon if I thought that goin' to make some fellow begin to call on dentist to find where I bought me teeth,' says

"'Ye'd niver stop to think' says he. 'No wa iver does. Glory is a chance like th' other thing It all comes or doesn't come out in thu day's jo an' ye can't stop or help it. An' no wan will talk bad about ye afther ye ar-re dead onless ye've done somethin' that makes people talk good iv ye. I'd have some throuble gettin' an sujience fr' a story about Hogan, but lave me whisper: 'Did ye hear that yarn about Grover Cleveland,' an' I can go on an' lie to me heart's contint.

"An' so it is that the battles ye win' the pitchers ye paint, th' people ye free, th' childher that disgrace ye, th' false step iv ye're youth, an' the false teeth iv ye're age all go thundherin' down to immorta

TOGETHER. An' afther all, isn't it a good thing? 'Ti on'y bi-ography I care about is th' one Mulligan stonecutter will chopout fr' me. I like Mulligan style fr' he's no flatthrer an' he has was model bi-ography that he uses fr' old an' young, rich an poor. He merely writes something to th' gin'r effect that the deceasad was a peach, an' lets it go that. But if anny wan wants to write a bi-ograp iv me an' conthribute some fun to this wo wurruld, let him do it, says I. Nawthin' w please me betther thin to know that some day will think ye ar-re a betther man thin I am. not fr' th' prisint,' says he.

"Which wud ye rather be, famous or rich?" as Mr. Hennessy.

"I'd like to be famous,' said Mr. Dooley, have money enough to buy off all threatenin' ographers."

THE SACHIN SUCCESSION

Programme of the Coming Installation.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
SACHIN, SURAT 24

The Installation ceremony of the Nawab Saheb to take place at Sachin on the 4th May, at 4-30 p Guests from Bombay, Surat and other cities expected. The Bombay guests will arrive Sachin on the morning of the 4th. The Dewan A. D C. will be in attendance on the guests. Dep tation from the Native States will be received that day in full Durbar. The Political Agent w go to the Palace and will accompany the Naw to the Durbar mandap in form of processio The Political Agent, will take his seat on the rig of the *gadi* and the Nawab Saheb on the le The speech will be delivered by th Political Agent, and will be translated by Chitnis and then the Nawab Saheb be put to the *gadi* and pronounced to be Nawab of the State with full powers and h from His Excellency the Governor of Bombay key of the Treasury will be handed over to Nawab by the Administrator and Political A and nine guns will be fired to pronounce Installation. The Nawab Saheb will speak in reply the Political Agent, and the speech will be translated by his A. D. C., Mr. Motamian. The Politic Agent and the Nawab Saheb will leave th Durbar and go to the Palace in a procession, and the the Political Agent will leave for camp from th Palace.

The Evening Party will be held in honor of th ceremony and a Banquet will be given to the Eur pean and Mahomedan gentlemen and fireworks wi be displayd,

The special train for guests from Surat will leav at 3-30 p. m., and the guests will go direct to th mandap for the Durbar and will have a special trai from Sachin at 8-30 p. m. after Durbar is over.

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The mandap for the ceremony in the compound of the State Pa

INDIGNATION AGAINST THE CAUCUS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I have read with no little interest the *Oriental Review Supplement* describing a great gathering of the Indian peoples at the Madhav Bang on the 7th of April. A few headlines will give an idea of the test. "Unprecedented Unanimity," "20,000 People Present," "Great Enthusiasm," "Welcome accorded to Indian Leaders," "Vindication of Sir P. Mehta's Position," "The Pigmies and the Giant." "Violation of the First Principle," "Cry from Bombay to Calcutta," "High-handed and Arbitrary Proceedings," "Memorial to the Viceroy," "Ignominious Conduct of Government Officials," "Peace and Goodwill Fritzered Away," "Boycott the *Times of India*," etc. Read outside of and after the meeting all this seems hysterical and very childish. The row, as we all know, began between two factions in the Bombay Corporation, one of which controlled the management of the City for years by means of a secret society which met outside of the precincts of the Municipal hall. Now as this party claims the lion's share of talent and administrative ability, the present state of Bombay must be due to their influence. That is to say the gross and costly blunders in the drainage and water supply, such as the waste of water above and under ground equal to at least twice the real consumption. The misuse of drains and sewers, the filthy details of the halalcore system, the lack of public conveniences, the defects in the building laws and in inspection of buildings, the corruption in the Stores Department and in the carrying out of contracts, and the absence of any guarantee of ability as to their duties among the members themselves; all these things stand to the credit or rather discredit of the ruling party in the Corporation. What have they to swagger about? What claim have they to the confidence of the voters?—Your, etc.,

COMMON SENSE.

Bombay, April 23.

ONE of the staff of the workers among cholera victims in the Punjab made himself ill by drinking an uncomfortable amount of cholera mixture, as some parents allowed him to administer a dose only on condition that he himself first led the way to show his belief in it.

DURING the performance in the Perth Theatre of a play in which a central incident is a horse-race, the weight of one of the horses caused a stage trapdoor to give way. The animal fell through to solid flooring nearly 30ft. below, receiving injuries from which it died. Soon afterwards a jockey named E. Ryding fell with his mount through the bro

THE COLONIAL CONFERENCE.

BOTHA'S PROPOSALS.

Need of Naval and Military Unity.

LUNCHEON AT WESTMINSTER.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 24.

Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman presided at a Parliamentary luncheon in Westminster Hall, at which a thousand distinguished guests were present.

Sir Henry, proposing the toast of the Colonial Premiers, whom, he said, this historic gathering greeted with good-will and affection, referred to his new friend, General Botha, amid cheers. He recognized, he said, the great service which the Colonial Premiers had done by coming to England.

Mr. Balfour spoke eloquently supporting the Prime Minister.

General Botha proposed the toast of the Imperial Government. The Colonies, he said, would strive to follow the example and maintain the credit of the mother Parliament, to which they looked for protection and guidance, knowing that she would endeavour to bind the Empire into closer union.

LONDON, APRIL 25.

Lord Elgin presided over a banquet given by the Royal Colonial Institute to the Colonial Premiers.

The Cape Minister, Mr. Smartt, said he hoped we should soon have a general defence force in South Africa which would help the Empire in time of need.

Lord Tweedmouth said "we cannot wait for war. We must be absolutely prepared. We want one united navy and army."

LONDON, APRIL 25.

The Colonial Conference to-day discussed the questions of naturalization and emigration. The question of naval defence will be resumed to-morrow.

LONDON, APRIL 25.

At yesterday's Banquet Mr. Deakin made a great hit by his fervid appeal for preferential tariff. We have to-day, he said, the richest heritage in the world, yet we leave it half uncultivated owing to foreign subsidies. He foreshadowed the establishment of an Imperial Naval General Staff. He concluded by saying "shall we stand shoulder to shoulder where the army and navy are concerned and yet pass as strangers in the paths of commerce." This was followed by tremendous cheering.

During the course of the Banquet Lord Elgin mentioned Mr. Chamberlain's name which evoked three minutes' cheering.

SOUTH AFRICAN DEFENCE.

General Botha Interviewed.

LONDON, APRIL 24.

General Botha, in an interview, ridiculed the statement, made by a newspaper, that he was advocating a Boer Army.

"What I am striving for," he said, "is an Army of Defence for the whole of South Africa, in which the Dutch and English shall stand side by side. The sooner the newspapers drop distinguishing between Dutch and British, the better. We are one people, with one aim and one ambition, and ought to be called South Africans."

MORE IRISH CHANGES.

Sir H. Plunkett Superseded.

LABOURITES ATTACK MR. ASQUITH.

LONDON APRIL 25.

The House of Commons adopted a Nationalist resolution declaring that Sir Horace Plunkett should no longer hold the position of Vice-President of the Department of Agricultural and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

Mr. Birrell and Sir H. Campbell Bannerman, in accepting the resolution, paid a tribute to Sir H. Plunkett, but said the post should be held by a member of the Administration.

The House of Commons has voted the Budget resolutions.

The debate was noteworthy for a vehement attack on Mr. Asquith by the Labour members.

Mr. Snowden declared that unless the Government dealt with the question of Old Age Pensions in a thorough manner, they would share the fate of the predecessors.

THE TRANSVAAL ASIATIC ORDINANCE.

Emphatic Denouncement.

LONDON, APRIL 25.

A large and non-party meeting of the Members of the House of Commons, held this afternoon, unanimously denounced the re-enactment of the Transvaal Asiatic Ordinance. It was resolved to send a deputation to urge Mr. Morley to make representations to the Colonial Office with a view to the rejection of the Ordinance.

The meeting also considered the question of sending a deputation to General Botha.

PRINCE FUSHIMI'S VISIT.

High Personages to be in Attendance.

LONDON, APRIL 25.

Lord Roberts, General Kelly Kenny and Admiral Seymour will be attached to Prince Fushimi during his stay in England.

NEW PRIVY COUNCILLOR.

LONDON, APRIL 24.

Mr. Winston Churchill has been made a Member of the Privy Council.

WOOLWICH ARSENAL.

LONDON, APRIL 25.

A ballot will be taken at Woolwich Arsenal with a view to establishing a five-day week and reducing discharges.

BARONETAGE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Question for India.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, APRIL 24.

The Report of the Baronetage Committee recommends the formation of a roll on which those who can fairly be said to have good title, can be enrolled. Strict proof is impossible in a number of genuine baronetacies.

The Committee recommends that the responsible authorities in India should give the wife and daughters of a baronet recognised social preference as against those of officials.

THE IRISH QUESTION.

Mr. Birell's Bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL TO BE ESTABLISHED AT DUBLIN.

LONDON, APRIL 25.

Mr. Birrell introduces an Irish Bill on the 7th May. It is understood that the Bill established a Council of one hundred members in Dublin. Eighty members will be nominated. The Council will have wide administrative powers including the administration of the Irish estimates.

CENTRAL AMERICA.

Peace Established.

LONDON, APRIL 25.

Through the interposition of the United States peace has been signed in Central America.

THE CITY AND SUBURBAN.

LONDON, 24.

The Betting on the City and Suburban was 6 to 1 Velocity, 3 to 1 Larino, and 100 to 7 Succour.

THE ARBUTHNOT INSOLVENCY.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 25.

To-day, Mr. Krishnaswamy Iyer continued his address to the Court, the gist of his argument being that the inclusion of bad balances under assets distinctly came under the Section where the expression used was "fraudulently with intent to conceal the true state of affairs." There was no reason to think that any of the bad balances could be resuscitated for the benefit of Arbuthnot and Co. Sir George might plead they were all set-off against the good-will which he had never disclosed to anybody, which he valued according to his own sweet will and pleasure, which found no alteration and which was a standing figure against every kind of known loss; if the known losses had been written off against the good-will the thing might be intelligible. The story of Rs. 25 lakhs of good-will was absolutely false.

TROUT OVA FOR OOTY.

Successful Arrival from Germany.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 25.

Mr. Wilson, fishery expert, has duly arrived in Ootacamund with the first consignment of trout ova brought *via* Ceylon from Germany. Up from Ceylon the journey was accomplished by motor-car, from Mettapolliam the car arriving in Coonoor with the mail train, but waiting in Coonoor till 6 p. m. and then coming to Ootacmund. So far the consignment appears to be a very great success, a very large percentage having hatched out.

THE JAMALPUR RIOTS.

Peace Restored.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

CALCUTTA, APRIL 25.

The unrest in Jamalpur, Mymensingh, is practically at an end as will be apparent from the terms of the following agreement come to between both the communities:—

Unfortunate disturbances have occurred in the town of Jamalpur which we the undersigned residents of the town are in a position to say are to be deeply deplored. Both the parties are exceedingly desirous to prevent their renewal and to restore quiet. We assure the Commissioner that the leaders of both parties will use to the utmost their influence on their communities to promote peace.

The Commissioner has left Jamalpur, but the District Magistrate is still there.

COURT-MARTIAL ON LIEUT. MACKENZIE.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

KARACHI, APRIL 25.

In connection with the Court Martial on Lieut. Mackenzie, 105th Mahrattas, the manager, Hajee Dossal and Barnard book-maker, have been summoned to produce on the 2nd proximo all dishonoured cheques and letters given them by the office.

P. W. D. POSTINGS.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SIMLA, APRIL 25.

Mr. C. T. R. Scovell is appointed Junior Consulting Engineer, of Railways at Dharwar.

Mr. W. Beechery, Executive Engineer, is transferrnd from the Eastern Bengal State Railway to the North-Western, Railway, and Mr. W. B. Horn, Assistant Engineer, from the Nagda-Muttra Railway to the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway.

BANDE MATARAM AT RAJAMUNDRY.

College Students in Revolt.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 25.

About 230 students of the Arts College Rajamundry, attended the College wearing Bande Mataram lockets. Mr. Mark Hunter, Principal, ordered the students to remove the lockets threatening those who refused with expulsion. Some 200 then left the College shouting Bande Mataram. Subsequently they took an oath not to return unless Mr. Hunter apologised to them unconditionally. A correspondent telegraphs that a great sensation prevails in whole City and College.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

IT is understood that orders have been received from the Secretary of State for India, sanctioning the proposals of the Government of India regarding the reorganisation of Commands in India, and that detailed orders on the subject will be issued shortly.

H. M. S. "Hyacinth" left Karachi on evening of the 24 instant.

THE RIVAZ MEDAL.

Founded by Tikka Sahib of Nabha.

MARK OF RECOGNITION.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, APRIL 25.

The Tikka Sahib of Nabha has founded a gold medal to be called the Rivaz Medal to be awarded to the Sikh student who obtains the highest marks in English in the B. A. examination of the Punjab University.

The object of the donor in endowing this medal is to mark his appreciation of the substantial help Sir Charles Rivaz gave to the Sikhs in placing the finances of the Khalsa College at Amritsar on a footing of stability.

ABOLITION OF OCTROI.

The Punjab Chamber's Resolution.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, APRIL 25.

The Chairman of the Karachi Chamber lately pointed out that great trouble and inconvenience was caused to exporting firms at Karachi by the levy of octroi by certain Municipalities in the Punjab on gunny bags used in the transport of wheat and seeds to that port. He expressed it as the opinion of his Committee that in view of octroi being refunded in full, the trouble and expense entailed in its collection and refund and the trifling revenue obtained from the small number of bags used within the various Municipal limits, the levy of octroi was unwarranted and should be abolished. The Punjab Chamber of Commerce have passed the following resolution on the subject:—

The Director of Land Records to be informed that this Chamber agrees with the views expressed by the Karachi Chamber, and is of opinion that octroi on gunny bags should be abolished in all trade centres in the Punjab where it is now in existence.

PRINCE OF ARCOT DEFAMATION CASE.

Summons Issued.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MADRAS, APRIL 25.

In the defamation case against the Prince of Arcot, the Magistrate, Mr. Clarke, on the ground that there appeared elements constituting the charge of defamation, directed a summons to be issue against the accused, making it returnable on 18th May. As Colonel Formby, who is being cited as one of the witnesses for the prosecution is going home, his evidence will be taken on Saturday next.

DEATH OF MR. C. A. BATTENBURG.

An Old Secunderabad Resident.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

SECUNDERABAD, APRIL 25.

There passed away yesterday a wellknown figure in Secunderabad, Mr. Charles Alexander Battenburg who was a keen lawyer with a large practice in the Secunderabad and Hyderabad City Courts. The deceased, who was a resident of the station for the past forty years, was a prominent Freemason; was Past Worshipful Master of Lodge "Deccan" and attained high degrees in the craft. He was also a veteran of the Indian Mutiny having served as a valunteer for which he received a medal. The funeral of the deceased was attended by a large number of Free masons and nearly all the members of the Bar of the Secunderabad and Hyderabad City Courts, including the District Judge, Mr. S. A. Adikari. The deceased was interred in the Secunderabad cemetery, service being conducted by the Chaplain of the Station, the Reverened W. S. Parker. The late Mr. Battenburg, who was 68 years of age at his death, leaves behind a widow and a large family, for whom great sympathy is felt.

THE ZAKKA KHELS.

Turned Out of the Amir's Army.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 25.

The Trans-Frontier correspondent of the *Pioneer* states that during last year or so a certain number of Zakka Khels, an unruly Trans-Frontier tribe that has given to much trouble this cold weather by its frequent raids into British territory, have found employment in Afghanistan. About sixty of them were enlistad in one of the Amir's Kabul Regiment under Mir Adam Khan who is himself a Zakka Khel. Since the return of the Amir to Kabul from India these tribesmen have been dismissed and ordered to leave Afghanistan. The reason given is that the Amir has found them to be untrustworthy.

NEW IMPERIAL GENERAL STAFF.

Interchange of Indian and Colonial Officers.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 25.

A special telegram from London to the *Pioneer* dated 24th April states that under the new plan of the Imperial General Staff of the Imperial Army, it has been arranged that the India Army will exchange a considerable number of Officers of equal rank with Canada and South Africa (including Boers), Australia and New Zealand.

CAWNPORE BRIDGE TOLL.

Representation for its Abolition.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 25.

The Upper India Chamber of Commerce have addressed the United Provinces Government, urging that the time has come when the Ganges Bridge at Cawnpore shall be made free of all tolls. The Bridge which is the property of the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway Company is believed to bring in an income of about half a lakh of rupees yearly, but it is pointed out that the tolls undoubtedly hamper trade and are a serious inconvenience to the poorer classes of the inhabitants. It is contended that in view of the rapid expansion of traffic the railway can well afford to surrender this revenue in the public interests.

A PUBLIC meeting of the Catholics of Calcutta and of the Ecclesiastical Provinces of Bengal to express sympathy with His Holiness Pope Pius X and with the Catholics of France in their present religious crisis is to be held on Sunday the 5th of May at 5-30 p.m. in the grounds of St. Xavier's College. The Catholic Archbishop will preside. The Reverend Dr. Hurth, Bishop of Dacca will, it is expected, also address the meeting and the Right Reverend Dr. Taveggia, Bishop of Krishnaghur will be present.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

THE LOOKED-FOR HEIR.

Prince as Good Samaritan.

(FROM OUR LADY CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, APRIL 22.

Ever since a certain Society lady with a genius for frocks turned dressmaker and discovered the financial possibilities of the emotional dress, our enterprising theatre managers have diligently exploited the cult of the emotional frock on the stage.

The management of the Haymarket Theatre, however, has sought masculine inspiration for the creation of emotional gowns for the new play, "The Palace of Puck," produced there this week. These dresses which are really strikingly original have been designed by no less a person than Mr. Dion Clayton Calthrop the well-known artist and writer. "Men know far more about dress than women do" declares Mr. Calthrop, sweepingly and he has certainly given Miss Marion Terry and the other charming ladies who contributed to the success of the new play at the Haymarket some most pleasing gowns.

There is the white cloth dress for instance in which Miss Marion Terry as Mrs. Podmore, the wife of the eminently respectable colonial broker, arrives in company with her husband and daughter at the Palace of Puck, a delightful old French chateau inhabited by an eccentric band of artists, poets, musicians and dreamers and pretty artist's models. The Podmores whose home is at Stoke Tootington—a delightful name for Suburbia—are motoring on the continent when accident forces them to claim the hospitality of these light-hearted sons and daughters of Bohemia. The pure white gown that Mr. Calthrop has provided for Miss Terry is exquisite in its simplicity. The bodice is cut in a pinafore style, the tiny lace chemisette made high to the neck, is veiled with net, the sleeves are of lace net and a little waistband of silk with a steel buckle finishes the waist. The white motoring coat—no modern play of any pretensions is complete without a motoring coat—is a particularly well conceived garment. It is lined with gleaming black satin, revers of which turn over on to the white cloth. The hat which accompanies this coat is perhaps the very latest Parisian millinery notion, the blending straws of contrasting shades. Miss Terry's hat is of white chip, the brim lined with black crinoline and the trimming, simple yet so smart, is a bunch of white ospreys and a black flower rosette.

It is in the next act, however, when, after a week's sojourn among the light spirits of the Palace of Puck, Mrs. and Mr. Podmore are beginning to lose sight of their stodgy suburban ideals and ceasing to worship the god of repectability that Mr. Calthrop excels. A masquerade has been planned by the host of the Palace of Puck and, such is the sorcery of clothes, when Mrs. Podmore sees her husband who has discarded the tie of prejudice and the black frock coat of respectability, decked out in the ruffles and velvet coat and silken hose of a bygone age of romance, she can hardly credit the evidence of her eyes and he for his part realises with wonder that the radiant vision in chiffon draperies is none other than—Mrs. Podmore. It is a wonderful gown, symbolic of the Tiger Moth and worthy of a poet's dream, on which Mr. Calthrop has lavished his artistic talent. The foundation of dull silver tissue is veiled first in pale blue and then in mauve chiffon, the two robes of chiffon blending together in a multitude of exquisite colour harmonies. The sleeves hang loose from the elbow, showing the gleam of white arms. Needless to say this creation suited Miss Terry, who retains her youthful looks in a surprising degree, to perfection.

Clothes in fact have quite an important part in the denouement of the new play, for when Mr. and Mrs. Podmore who have both been losing their hearts, the one to a fascinating artist's model and the other to a musician and dreamer, see each other as they really are, (not as Stoke Tootington thinks they ought to be), twenty years of unromantic loveless married life roll away as if by magic and the two middle aged people go forth hand in hand as lovers. Although Miss Terry's Tiger Moth dress is the sartorial triumph of the play, she wears another very beautiful gown. It is of pale grey crepe de chine, an exquisite shade, and was covered all over with pink rose buds embroidered in chenille. The sleeves close fitting to the elbow were there finished with frills of lace and a fichu arrangement of net lace trimmed the corsage. There is another delightful motoring coat by the way in the Palace of Puck. It is of black and white silk lined throughout with cerise satin. Triple highwayman capes are also cerise lined and a two-inch band of black satin borders the hem. The effect is indescribably smart.

THE LOOKED-FOR HEIR.

The Queen, who has greatly enjoyed the companionship of her sister, the Empress Marie, left Victoria this morning for the continent where she is to join the King at Toulon. The Royal yacht will then sail for Cartagena where their Majesties are to meet King Alphonso. Much interest attaches to the Royal visit to Spain, for the birth of an heir is now almost daily expected. The event will be announced to waiting Madrid by means of an elaborate code of signals. Should the child prove to be a Prince of the Asturias, the Spanish flag is, by order of King Alphonso, to be hoisted over the part of the Royal Palace known as the Printa Del Diamante and a saluts of twenty-one guns will be fired, but should the little arrival prove to be an Infanta, the flag will then be white and only fifteen guns will be fired. Should the announcement have to be made at night, however, a light of the appropiate colour will be placed under the flag.

Great ceremony has to be observed on the day of the Royal birth and as soon as possible the little Prince, or Princess, is dressed and placed in a little basket standing on a golden salver. The King takes the precious burden in his hands and followed by all the members of the Royal family proceeds to the salon where the formal presentation ceremony takes place.

Should the little one be a girl, Victoria will in all probability be one of her names.

PRINCE AS GOOD SAMARITAN.

Every now and then some little incident occurs to remind the public that Royal persons are like the rest of mankind, very human.

The Prince of Wales perhaps is just a little more human than most people and there is a pleasant little story being now told which well illustrates his cheery good nature.

While motoring from Frogmore to Windsor on Good Friday with the Princess of Wales and the little Princess Mary, he came upon a disconsolate little group by the roadside. Two young Londoners and their sweethearts out for the day had chartered a carriage to take them to Virginia water. On the way the horse grew restive, eventually overturning the vehicle upon itself, and when the Royal party drove up, the driver was vainly trying to release the animal. The Prince on seeing what was the matter at once went to the rescue and recognising that the forepart of the carriage would have to be taken to pieces, had the tools brought from his car and directed the operations, chatting meanwhile to the occupants of the carriage. While the work was in progress a soldier cycled up and after an astonished glance jumped off his machine and stood at the salute. Only then did the carriage party realise that the friendly motorist was our future King.

Learning that the driver of the carriage had been in the Army, the Prince handed him half a sovereign with the remark "This is a little present from the Princess and myself." The Royal party then drove off amid the hearty cheers and thanks of the holiday-makers.

Like less illustrious mortals the young children of the Prince and Princess of Wales enjoyed to the utmost the beautiful weather of Easter Monday.

Early in the day Prince Edward, Prince Albert, Prince Henry and Little Princess Mary of Wales, each the proud possessor of a pretty pony, were out for a gallop in Windsor Park. Prince Henry who has just celebrated his seventh birthday is only just learning to ride, but like all the Wales children he has been brought up to know horses and comports himself as though to the manner born. Princess Mary is a capital horsewoman and she makes a charming picture as she gallops through the Park on her pony with her long hair waving in the breeze.

On Easter Monday Prince Edward proudly wore for the first time a new gold watch and chain which was presented to him by his grandfather in recognition of the fact that he recently passed his examination for the Osborne Cadet College.

THE BATNER CASE.

Last week I wrote of the extraordinary response to the appeal for signatures to the petition for the reprieve of Rayner the murderer of William Whiteley.

So great was the public interest in the question and so unanimous the demand that the extreme penalty of the law should not be carried out that even before the mammoth petition had been despatched to the Home Office, Mr. Herbert Gladstone made known the merciful decision that Rayner should be saved from the scaffold.

That was on Saturday last and although on receipt of the news no further petition forms were despatched, the number of signatures already range into hundreds of thousands. Sympathisers came from each and every rank of life. There was at least one Duchess—the Duchess of Sutherland—who signed the petition and showed a practical interest in the pitiful plight of the murderer's wife. Mrs. Rayner received the gladsome news on Saturday afternoon with joy. On Monday the contents bill of every newspaper announced that a little daughter had been born to Rayner.

Whatever the feeling in regard to Rayner is—there are those who fear that the Home Secretary's leniency may act as a sort of encouragment to criminals—nothing but sympathy is felt for his wife, and practical steps are being taken to provide for her and the three little ones now that he who should have been their bread-winner is dead to the world.

SUFFRAGETTES.

Oh the enterprising suffragettes! Friends and foes are alike chuckling over a charming little incident in which two of the militant leaders of the new movement and the Prime Minister of England are the dramatis personæ. Miss Annie Kenney, the factory girl whose wonderful oratory is capturing converts daily, and Miss Mary E. Gawthorpe, a pretty young suffragist leader from the North country, are spending their Easter holiday on the Riviera. So is Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman! The two young ladies travelled on board the same express train from Paris to Bordighera and during the journey went into the dining car for tea. Imagine their astonishment and delight when they saw sitting quietly at a table waiting for his afternoon tea the Prime Minister who had so successfully eluded them throughout the session. Only a fortnight ago, it will be remembered, when a deputation went to the House of Commons to try to see the Premier, seventy-six ladies were arrested; and here he sat, unprotected, at the mercy of the two intrepid leaders of that daring band. The opportunity was too good to be missed and so the two girls took their seats at the table and Sir Henry being a genial old gentleman entered into conversation with them. They chatted on many topics—including of course the all important one of "Votes for Women"—for quite twenty minutes. And then as the two leaders rose to go, Miss Kenney said "I wonder if you have guessed who we are."

"I am afraid I haven't the pleasure," Sir Henry was beginning politely, when his fair interrogator cut him short.

"I am Annie Kenney" she said, and this is Mary Gawthorpe"! The Prime Minister looked puzzled for a minute and then, realising that the young ladies who had helped to wile away a tedious journey were indeed two leaders of the redoubtable suffragettes, laughed heartily, and so the little incident terminated quite pleasantly.

CONVERSION TO ISLAMISM.

Effect on Hindu Right of Inheritance.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 25.

In the Allahabad High Court, judgment was delivered by Sir John Stanley and Sir William Burkitt in the case in which an important question of the effect of change of religion arose. The case was argued before their Lordships a few days ago. Raja Ratan Singh became a Mahomedan in 1845. At that time he had a son Daulat Singh and a daughter who had a son Khairati Lal Daulat Singh who predeceased his father leaving two daughters. Khairati Lal and the daughters of Daulat Singh, in 1862, after the death of Raja Ratan Singh, entered into a compromise by which Khairati Lal got a 7 1/2 anna share and the daughters each an 8 1/2 anna share. The last daughter died a few years ago, and the plaintiffs, her sons, brought a suit for possession of the property which she had alienated out of the 8½ anna share and obtained a decree. They then brought this suit against the successors in the title of Khairati Lal for possession of the 7½ anna share given to him under the compromise of 1862. Their Lordships, in reversing the Judgment of the Subordinate Judge of Bareilly, have decreed that Raja Ratan Singh having become a Mahomedan ceased to have any interest in the property which vested at once in his son Daulat Singh whose heirs were entitled to succeed after his death.

Their Lordships held that Regulation of 1850 did not abrogate the Hindu Law as to the consequences of apostacy. Moreover, Daulat Singh become owner under the Hindu Law in 1845 and the Regulation of 1850 having come into force after that it had no effect. The daughters of Daulat Singh, their Lordships held entered into the compromise under a mistake of their rights. They became life owners of the property after the death of their father. Even if a decree were passed on an award against the ladies it would not bind the reversioners. Their Lordships further held that the compromise did not amount to a family arrangement.

THE DEVOLUTION BILL.

Disagreement between Government and Nationalists.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALLAHABAD, APRIL 25.

A special London telegram to the *Pioneer*, dated the 24 instant says that—it is believed that the Government and the Nationalists have disagreed on the Devolution Bill. The *Standard* states that trouble is primarily due to the Nationalist desire for the removal of Sir Anthony Macdonnell.

BOMBAY TRADES ASSOCIATION.

The annual meeting of the Bombay Trades Association was held yesterday night at Pyrke's Restaurant, Apollo Hotel, Colaba. There was a large and appreciative audience who sympathised with the aims and objects of the Association. Mr. C. B. Robinson of Messrs. Thomson and Taylor presided on the occasion. The Chairman in a very interesting speech dwelt at length on the dust problem and its attendant evils (some of which had already appeared in this paper in the long correspodence published under the heading "Nuisances in Bombay.") He discussed also with great force the question of the supply of Government stores and the development now taking place in the city in connection with the Improvement Trust and the influence it will have on the life of the town. While thanking Mr. A. W. Wise for the work he has most satisfactorily performed, the chairman brought the proceedings to a close by requesting the audience to accept the adoption of the report which showed a detailed account of the work done by the Association.

THE Entertainment at the Gaiety Theatre this evening promises to be on a scale which will eclipse the majority of amateur efforts, good as they have been, in Bombay. Perhaps the *piece de resistance*—seeing that it occupies the whole of the second half of the evening—is the "domestic" drama "Vinolia's Vengeance," but the unbiassed will probably find the first part of the evening equally enjoyable. Miss Esmonde, who has in one concert proved herself so excellent a soprano, is one of the contributors, while Miss Dove will play two solos on the violin. In addition to this, Mr. Marsh and Mr. Defrece will contribute the comic element and Mr. Widdop will sing "Bid me to love," which sounds as if it would be a song mere generally known as "To Anthea"—a song to which Herrick contributes words quite as delightful as the music. Then too the Pipers of the Royal Scots will play, and there will be some national dancing. To complete the list of attractions Mrs. Wiggin will sing, and the G. I. P. band will play, and all who have not booked tickets for the performance, which will benefit a very deserving charity, are strongly advised to do so lest they find at the theatre door that the accommodation they require is unobtainable.

NOTES FROM MAHABLESHWAR.

The Season Opens.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

MAHABLESHWAR, APRIL 24.

IN my last letter I told you what delightful weather we were having up here, and so, naturally, it changed and has got decidedly warmer, but not yet oppressively so; and we are beginning to feel a little disturbed about the rain. Sunday and Monday last we had smart showers at intervals during the afternoon, and on Tuesday morning there was a very heavy storm which lasted about an hour. Everything dries very quickly, so although it is rather dismal while it is actually raining, everything goes on much as usual. But I have heard the opinion expressed several times by those who ought to know, that this rain, which is quite unprecedented in April and is more like what we expect at the end of May, very probably portends a bad monsoon, and the chance of a famine consequent on the failure of the rains is discussed. On Wednesday morning there was a thick Scotch mist. The oldest habitues tell me that so far this is quite the coldest season they ever remember up here. Be that as it may, it is quite delightful, and no one wants to grumble.

The picnic season began last week, and I went to one at the Yenna Falls in the Lingmala Forest, a four-mile drive from the Club. If one feels sufficiently energetic, there is a shorter way to walk through the Race View Hotel grounds, thus avoiding a good deal of dusty high road. We had tea among the bamboos in a quite charming little corner, and afterwards walked down to see the Falls. They are not exactly Niagara just now, but when you have hung on to a tree and looked over at them at the risk of breaking your neck if you slip, you feel you are sufficiently rewarded for the trouble you have taken to get there. I believe there are large quantities of bees' nests on the rocks, which I am told are a wonderful sight, if you can get near enough to see them. Another drive, through old Mahableshwar, the native village to Elphinstone Point and Arthur's Seat, takes one through thick jungle through which every now and then one gets glimpses of lovely scenery towards the old Mahratta fort of Pertabgarh.

Of course the Club is the great meeting place here in the evenings, and one sees there many of one's friends from Bombay and Poona,—not earlier than 7 p.m.—for up here we are all so energetic that there are few of us who do not walk or play tennis, golf or, at least, croquet till it is dark. This also explains the reason why there are so few Paris frocks and hats to be seen. Some there are, it is true, when some devoted ladies have been doing a round of calls; but I think the general opinion is that calls should be considered strictly taboo, or at least confined to those one has not met before—especially as no one is ever "at home" at calling time in the afternoon.

The Golf Links are always crowded and the majority of the players belong to the fair sex. After dark the two Badminton courts in the Club grounds are well filled with players and onlookers, and it is sometimes a difficult matter to get into a sett. In connection with the Club is the Free Hall containing a large reading-room with all the English papers and a well-stocked library—and this is the Ladies' share of the Club buildings.

At the back of the Club is the croquet ground (for lawn we have not got) and from there a path leads down into the valley where golf-links are situated, inside the Race Course.

The Tennis Courts are across the road from the Club; and as I understand, are very good, though I have not yet played on them. But as they are made of the prevailing red colour, they are very destructive to our nice white dresses and clean flannels—in fact a short pink skirt is quite the most useful thing a lady can bring up here.

There is an excellent Ladies' Bridge Room, too, which is crowded every evening, while the Men's room is quite deserted, but several men join the ladies in preference, and most nights there are at least as many as five tables in the Ladies' Room while the Men's room is quite empty. It is a pity we are not allowed to use the Men's room as well as our own.

The general impression conveyed to me by my first visit to the Club may be very aptly summed up in a remark made by a lady the other day, who said she felt just as if she had walked into a Hill Station Club in one of Rudyard Kipling's or B. M. Croker's novels.

Our Panther is still supposed to be about, and I hear that last week he was seen by someone who went down to the Lake early in the morning, asleep in a boat! A nurse with her young charge is also said to have seen him drinking in the Lake one evening lately. I will leave you to judge for yourself of the probable truth or otherwise of these stories.

The rain last Sunday, the 21st, which started soon after mid-day must have rather spoilt the enjoyment of the large number of visitors who came up for the week-end taking advantage of Monday's holiday, but it cleared up sufficiently for them to go to Church in the afternoon, or the Club, according to taste.

Mahableshwar is going to be very full next month and I hear that both the Ripon and Race View Hotels have already let all their rooms for May, and the dates for the various Race meetings and Tournaments are already being fixed.

Badminton mornings at the Club have just been started, Mondays and Thursdays being the allotted days and the hall was opened last Monday by Mrs. Quin who was "At Home" at 8-30 a.m. to every one in the station. A large number availed themselves of her kind hospitality. There were some very good setts of Badminton, as there are a number of quite first-class players here, and it was not at all the "Pat Ball" game one so often sees. Even in this cool climate strawberries and cream and iced coffee were most delicious after two or three hard-fought setts. It is a pity that the chicks of the courts have to be kept down in the early morning to keep out the cross-light, as they also keep out the cool air.

H. E. the Governor is expected up here on Friday, and we shall then consider that our season has really begun.

THE FAZALBHOY MILLS.

Opening Ceremony.

YESTERDAY morning a very interesting ceremony place in the compound of the group of Mills owned took by Messrs. Currimbhoy Ebrahim and Co., The Fazalbhoy Mill has been under construction during the last fifteen months and is named after the second son of Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim, who recently returned from Europe and America, and is well known in Mill circles as a good business man. When completed this Mill will contain 60,000 spindles and 1,600 looms supplied by the well-known Mill Machinery Makers, Messrs. Platt Bros. of Oldham and the Engines which are of about 2000 H.-P. have been contructed by the equally popular Engine Builders, Messrs. Hick Hargraves and Co., of Bolton, both represented by Messrs. Nowroji Wadia and Sons, who are sole agents for these companies. The Mill is fully equipped with latest designs of fire appliances, humidifiers, and electrical installations, etc. The Fire applianoes are in the hands of Messrs. Macbeth Bros., while the complete Electrical Installation is placed with Messrs. Marshall & Co., Bombay. The Mill is built entirely on fire proof principles and careful attention has been paid to the question of air and ventilation in relation to the comfort of two thousand work-people who will be employed in these Mills.

The ceremony of starting the Engines which had been erected by Mr. Crook in record time for India, was performed at 9-30 a.m. to-day by Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim with whom were present his sons Messrs. Mahamadbhoy, Fazalboy, Gulamhusein, Ahmedbhoy, Rahembhoy and Habibbhoy, as well as many of his relatives and the whole office and staff and several intimate friends.

Mr. Jamsetji Ardeshir Wadia, who is interested in the Fazlbhoy Mills, in proposing the prosperity of the new Mills, spoke in flattering terms of the able manner in which Mr. Meherali M. Fakira, the Superintendent of the group of Currimbhoy Mills, had carried out the entire work of construction. He also referred to the valuable assistance rendered by the European staff of other Mills owned by the Company and said a word of praise for the European fitters who had come out from Home to set up the machinery. Referring to the expedition with which the work had been accomplished, he said it was in a large measure due to the enthusiasm of Mr. N. M. Wadia who took a great interest in the matter.

Sir Currimbhoy Ebrahim thanked those who were so good as to be present at the opening ceremony, and after the party had partaken of refreshments supplied by Messrs. Mongini Bros., the company looked over the building and dispersed.

THE GOVERNOR'S TOUR.

An Interesting Trip Westwards.

RETURN TO BOMBAY.

His Excellency Lord Lamington, the Governor of Bombay, arrived yesterday afternoon by the Royal Indian Marine steamer "Dufferin" from Aden. His Excellency was accompanied by Sir Archibald Hunter, Commanding the Western Command, Major F. Lee, Military Secretary, Captain F. G. Greig, and Captain Pigot, A.-D.-C.; Dr. H. Coghill Medical Officer, and Captain T. D. Jackson, A.-D.-C. to General Hunter. The Dufferin anchored opposite the Apollo Bunder at about 2-30 p.m. His Excellency and party left the ship shortly after 3 p.m. in the R. I. M. steam launch Bee and landed at the Apollo Bunder Pavilion where His Excellency was met by Brigadier General R. M. Greenfield, Commanding Bombay Brigade, His Highness the Maharajah of Kolhapur, Mr. H. G. Gell, Commissioner of Police, and Captain R. P. Stares, Brigade Major. After a brief conversation with those present, His Excellency drove to the Secretariat under an escort of Police sowars. After dinner at the Yacht Club, His Excellency.

Lord Lamington, accompanied by Major F. Lee, Military Secretary, Captain R. E. Pagot, A. D. C. and Dr. H. Coghill, medical officer, left last night from the Victoria Terminus at 11-15 p.m., enroute to Mahableshwar, Superintendent Biddle of the Railway Police, accompanied the train. Lieut-General Sir Archibald Hunter, commanding western command, with Captain Jackson, A. D. C. also left for Poona by the same train.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor of Bombay left this city on April 2nd, and Perim was reached on the 8th after a smooth but hot journey. The Resident at Aden, General DeBrath, timed his arrival in Perim Harbour per R. I. M. S. "Minto" to meet His Excellency who disembarked at 9-30 a. m. The extensive works of the Perim Coal Company were inspected, as also the installation of the Eastern Telegraph Company, after which His Excellency entertained the Assistant Resident, and Managers of the above, to lunch on board the "Dufferin." After lunch His Excellency, accompanied by Major Schneider, landed near the Plague Camp which together with the Fort and Lighthouse, were visited. The "Dufferin" left Perim for Mokalla at 6 p. m.

Mokalla, situated at the apex of a small bay on the Hadhramaut coast of Arabia, was reached at 7 a. m. on the 10th., H. M. S. "Perseus" which preceded His Excellency throughout his tour having already arrived off the port. At 8-30 a. m. the Sultan, accompanied by his son, visited His Excellency on board the "Dufferin," where a Darbar was held.

At 9-30, His Excellency, Sir A. Hunter, the Political Resident and Staff, landed, and were received at the pier by the Sultan, and drove to the new palace situated on the eastern extremity of the town, where visits were again exchanged; after which the Governor and party proceeded on horses to a spot some four miles inland whence the water-supply for the town is drawn. Mokalla is a well-built Arab town of some 8,000 inhabitants, the houses clustered together close to the foreshore, with high overhanging cliffs immediately behind, and almost threatening their existence, so loosely held in position do some of these enormous masses of rock appear to be. A well and newly constructed road follows the shore of the bay for a distance of some five miles, at each extremity of which a small place is being erected for the Sultan's use. Inland the country presents few attractive features, ridge upon ridge of barren rocky hills succeeding one another with few apparent sign of vegetation. The inhabitants are Yafai Arabs with a considerable sprinkling of Indians and Sidis. These latter together with the Arabs compose the soldiery who are armed with a motley collection of fire-arms including Jazails Le Gras and Martini rifles in addition to the inevitable Jambier, which forms an integral part of the Arab's equipment. After lunch a display or Mahaf somewhat similar to the Hyderabad Lungar was given before His Excellency at which 17 sub-tribes of Yafais took part. Dinner at the Palace was succe

fresh demonstrations from the assembled crowd on the beach. His Excellency and party returned to the "Dufferin" which sailed for Shujra at 8 p.m. At noon on the 15th the "Dufferin" anchored off Shujra where immediately on arrival His Excellency received the visit of the Sultan and the principal members of his family. The return visit was made without delay and in response to the Sultan's pressing invitation His Excellency remained to lunch at the palace. The landing was of a similar nature to that of Socotra and the reception on shore was also of a like description, there being no semblance of the landing stage available. Shujra is a small collection of distinctly poorly built mud houses and is distant 60 or 70 miles from Aden. The Fadhli tribe of Arabs, of whose territory Shujra is the chief sea-port, are credited with many of the virtues of the true Bedaween, and may also probably justly lay claim to an equal number of their vices.

The country is divided roughly into two—the highlands situated to the Nort-East and the low-lying district of Abyan, the latter producing jowari and sesame while the highlands yield wheat and myrrh in considerable abundance. The seaboard has an extent of 100 miles, the population, of whom about 7,000 are reckoned fighting men, are armed with French and Birmingham made rifles.

After an inspection of the town which is in no way noteworthy His Excellency returned to the "Dufferin" which sailed for Aden at midnight.

The arrival of the "Dufferin' in Aden was timed for 6 a. m. on the 16th.

The town and shipping presented a very gay appearance, H. M. S. Perseus which had as before preceded the Dufferin as well as H. M. S Merlin and R.I.M S. Minto being dressed rainbow fashion, and from every mast and signal station in Aden—and their number seemed unending—bunting fluttered in the morning breeze.

At 10 a m., His Excellency and Sir A. Hunter with their respective staffs disembarked at the Prince of Wales Landing stage, where the Resident, surrounded by the leading military and civil representatives in Aden, were assembled to receive him.

After the inspection of the Guard of Honour of the Suffolk Regiment and the presentation had been gone through, an address was read by Mr Hormusjee Cowasjee on behalf of the citizens of Aden, to which His Excellency replied at length. On the conclusion of this ceremony a procession was formed to the Residency where His Excellency took up his abode until the following day.

To His Excellency the Right Hon'ble Charles Wallace Alexander Napier Cochrane-Baillie, Lord Lamington, G. C. M. G., G. C. I. E., Governor of Bombay.

Your Excellency,—It gives us, the residents of Aden, the greatest pleasure to offer once more to Your Excellency a most hearty welcome to these shores. We trust that your short stay here will be both beneficial to Your Excellency's health and conducive to the interests of this Port.

That notwithstanding the heavy pressure of work, and the cares with which Your Excellency is burdened, Your Excellency has nevertheless found time and opportunity to visit Aden twice during your regime, to study on the spot the various questions affecting the welfare of the port and its inhabitants, is ample proof to us of the lively interest displayed by the Government of Your Excellency in this Settlement which has of recent years increased in importance politically.

The different communities of Aden are at present actively discussing the new rules framed by the Executive Committee for the settlement of Aden, and are about to offer objections to various rules which are likely to interfere unnecessarily with their caste prejudices and their ancient customs and to cause friction and discontent. We feel confident that when the objections are submitted they will receive the earnest and sympathetic attention of Your Excellency when the subject comes up for discussion before the rules are finally passed and become law.

That we continue to enjoy the benefits of Pax Britannica all of us heartily acknowledge, and it is our sincere wish that the Flag now flying on this Fortress may continue to do so for years to come, for the well-being and advancement of all entrusted to its care by Divine Providence.

And finally we pray to the Almighty to grant long life to Your Excellency and to Lady Lamington who we regret to hear has been far from well, but we trust is now rapidly recovering, and with our loyal homage to the Throne of His Majesty our King Emperor,—We beg to subscribe ourselves, Your Excellency's most Obedient Servants.

His Excellency replied :—

Citizens of Aden and Gentlemen,—I thank you very much indeed for having attended on my landing here in Aden to offer me your welcome and also to present me with the address which has just been read out, and which you have enclosed in such a handsome casket. Almost all questions affecting Aden are dealt with by me and you rightly assume that these receive my close attention as it affords me particular interest to supervise the administration of the town and port. Indeed I contemplate to extend by a day my stay here so that I may visit again some of your Institutions and also discuss various matters. I notice what you say with regard to your anxiety for the Executive Committee, about the new rules, but as you do not specify what is the cause of your anticipations of possible friction and discontent, I am naturally unable to say anything to allay those feelings, but I certainly hope, and I cannot help believing, that your anxiety may be due to a misconception of the effects of the new rules that are proposed to be introduced in Aden. I am aware that they are rather complicated and will require to be carefully elaborated, and you may be sure that my efforts will be directed that they should be passed in a shape that will be agreeable to the community and for the general benefit. In this connection I am happy to hear that a prominent Arab citizen proposes to erect a school for the education of Arabs. This is very gratifying, but what to me is a special source of congratulation is that the gentleman is not content with the building but also proposes to endow and equip it. No one can pass by the succession of the sea-washed fortresses of which chain Aden forms, so prominent a link, without realising the strength and might of the British Empire; and I am pleased to note that you share those feelings of pride that come so naturally to one's self, and also recognise so fully the advantages and blessings of living under the strong and peaceful rule of Great Britain, and give expression to the loyal feelings that you should maintain for His Majesty the King Emperor. I now have only to thank you for the prayers on my own behalf and of that of Lady Lamington, and I also pray that you, wishes for Lady Lamington's recovery will bear fruit and that I may thus obtain relief in my heavy anxiety.

The afternoon of the 16th was occupied in driving round the town, which was gaily decorated, and visiting various points of interest in connection with it. At 8-15 p.m. an official dinner at the Residency, followed by a Reception, brought the day's functions to a conclusion.

Soon after daybreak of the 17th a start was made for Sheikh Othman en route to Lahej. The first part of the journey was accomplished in launch and carriages as far as Sheikh Othman, where breakfast was provided : thence His Excellency and party proceeded on ponies to Lahej a distance of 15 miles. Deputations from the Sultan of the Abdali met His Excellency at various points en route and escorted him to where other deputations were waiting to relieve them. In this manner Lahej was reached about noon The entire population were living the streets of the town, at the entrance to which the Sultan's sons were waiting to welcome His Excellency.

On arrival at the palace the Sultan received the Governor and conducted him to the apartments prepared for his use. Lahej was manifestly en fete, a fact testified to by the incessant playing of the local bands, the spasmodic fea de joie which went on at intervals during the day, as well as by the evidences of preparations for feasting the populace presented by carcasses of cattle slaughtered for the purpose.

After lunch formal visits were exchanged, subsequent to which a Mahaf was held in which the Sultan's sons took a leading part.

Official business occupied the morning of the 18th, and at 2 p.m. the party returned in the same manner as the day before to Aden, visiting Dr. Young's hospital at Lahej on the way,

His Excellency slept on board the "Dufferin," starting early on the morning of the 19th on a visit of inspection to the Hospitals, Schools and other institutions in Aden. At 8 p.m. His Excellency gave a dinner on board the "Dufferin" at which some 50 persons were present.

The "Dufferin" sailed from Aden at midnight for the Kuria Muria islands where a brief visit was to be paid.

The islands were sighted early on the 22nd. The group consist, of three principal islands running from east to west. The most westerly of the group was visited first, Haski. It is principally known as being rich in guano of which a certain amount was visible, but in no great quantities. There is no vegetation nor sign of habitation on the island and water is not met with.

Leaving Soda Islands on the way, Hathniya the largest and most easterly island was next visited. It consists of a rugged series of ridges varying from 100 to 300 feet in height, consisting for the most part of granite.

There is no sign of animal life though water exists in fair quantity. The few natives met with live entirely on the product of their fishing and gave the appearance of Arabs of a distinctly low type.

The voyage was resumed in the afternoon, and Bombay reached at 1 p. m. on the 25th.

The Sultan of Lahej presented the following address to His Excellency:—

PRAISE BE TO GOD.

It is with feelings of the greatest pleasure that I tender to your Excellency and to the Illustrious guests who have been pleased to pay a visit, on this auspicious occasion to my Captain, my sincere gratitude for this display of sentiments based on the friendly relations which are already so well grounded. I cherish therefore the hope that these relations will remain unimpaired. I would assure your Excellency on behalf of myself, my sons and kinsfolk, and my subjects generally, that we are pleased and gratified beyond measure with your Excellency's grace in visiting my Capital. I am glad this day indeed with robes of intense joy and pleasure. I venture to express the assurance that this my Palace has become the abode of Happiness, and that it may perhaps become still further the mark for the exercise of the cordial considerations of His Excellency's Government. I conclude this address by again voicing a hearty welcome to your Excellency, and to all who have accompanied your Excellency to my Capital of Al-Hauta.

Presented by Sultan Sir Ahmed Fadhl, K. C. S. I., the Abdali Sultan of Lahej at Al-Hauta, on 3rd Rabi-ul Awal 1325 A. H., i. e. 17th April 1907, A. D.

THE BOMBAY SERVICES.

THE Honourable Mr. Basil Scott, M. A. (Oxon), Barrister-at-Law, Advocate-General, Bombay, is allowed furlough for four months and twenty-six days with effect from the 1st June or the subsequent date on which he may avail himself of it.

Captain C. F. Harold, Assistant Political Agent, Second Grade, has been granted privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for one year, six months and threedays with effect from the 17th March.

M. A. M. T. Jackson, M.A (Oxon), Barrister-at-Law, I. C. S., to be Political Agent, Jath State and Daphlapur Estate, vice Mr. K. R. Bomanji proceeding on leave.

The services of Captain J. H. Peck, Acting Assistant Cantonment Magistrate, Poona and Kirkee, are placed at the disposal of His Excellency the Commander-in-Chief.

Mr. M. Conway to act as Third Deputy Registrar and Commissioner for taking Affidavits, in addition to his own duties as Acting Junior Judge's Clerk, Commissioner for taking Affidavits and Clerk to the Parsi Chief Matrimonial Court.

The following gentlemen to be Justices of the Peace within the limits of the Town of Bombay :—P. E. Percival, B. A. (Oxon), Barrister-at-Law, I. C. S., the Honourable Mr. Basil. M. A., Scott, (Oxon), Barrister-at-Law.

Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, M. A., (Oxon.), Barrister-at-Law, I. C. S., to be Collector of Bijapur and to be Member and President of the Local Board established for the Bijapur District, vice Mr. K. R. Bomanji proceeding on leave.

Mr. A. M. T. Jackson, M. A. (Oxon.), Barrister-at-Law, I. C. S., to be on special duty in connection with the examination of the records of the Alienation Office, Poona, for a period not exceeding one month and a half.

Mr. J. Hamilton to do duty as Divisional Forest Officer, Working Plans, Central Circle, vice Mr. J. D. Maitland-Kirwan, pending further orders.

Mr. E. G. Oliver, Deputy Conservator of Forests, has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

Commander F. Dobson, Royal Indian Marine, is appointed to officiate as Port Officer, Aden, vice Commander C. F. Fletcher on leave, with effect from the 30th March.

The Venerable Archdeacon W. E. Scott, M. A., has been permitted to retire from the service from the 15th June.

The services of the Reverend J. D. Gordon, B.Sc., B.D., Chaplain, Church of Scotland, are placed at the disposal of the Government of India.

Miss E. Corkery to act as Lady Superintendent, Female Training College and High School for Native Girls, Poona, during the absence on leave of Miss Mary Sorabji, or pending further orders.

Commander C. F. Fletcher, Royal Indian Marine, Port Officer, Aden, is granted twelve months' leave out of India on private affairs.

Surgeon-Captain Francis Edward Price, 1st Battalion, Great Indian Peninsula Railway Volunteer Rifle Corps resigns his Commission. Dated 30th March.

Captain Seytimus Edwin Greaves, Bombay Volunteer Rifles resigns his Commission, Dated 27th February.

Captain (Honorary Major) Charles Pratt, V. D. *1st Battalion, Bombay Baroda and Central India Railway Volunteer Rifles.* (Supernumerary List), resigns his Commission and is permitted, on retirement, to retain his rank and to wear the uniform of the Corps. Dated 10th December.

Lieutenant James Steuart Anderson is transferred from the Supernumerary List of the Kolar Gold Field Rifle Volunteers to the Active List of the Southern Mahratta Railway Rifles with effect from the 21st February.

During the absence on leave of Lieutenant-Colonel J. Crimmin, V.C., C.I.E., I.M.S., or pending further orders :—Major W. E. Jennings, M.D., D.P.H., I.M.S., to act as Health Officers of the Port of Bombay' Major T. Jackson, M.B., B.S., I.M.S., to act as Civil Surgeon and Superintendent, Byramji Jijibhai Medical School and Lunatic Asylum, Ahmedabad.

Lieutenant C. J. Coppinger, M.B., I.M.S., to act as Medical Officer to the Kathiawar Political Agency, and in charge of the West Hospital, Rajkot, in addition to his own duties, as a temporary measure.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Burke, M.B., I.M.S., has been allowed an extension of furlough for one day.

Lieutenant-Colonel W. H. Burke, M.B., I.M.S., has been allowed to return to duty within the period of his leave.

On return from leave, Mr. A. X. Moraes, L. C. E., Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, is posted to the Central Division.

Mr. H. Wray, Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, permanent, and Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, temporary, is granted privilege leave for three months combined with furlough for three months with effect from 16th May or the subsequent date of relief.

The following promotions and reversions are ordered in the Engineer Establishment :—Mr. A. X. Mornes, L. C. E, from Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, to be Assistant Engineer, 1st Grade, with effect from 1st April. Mr. E M. Proes, A. M. Inst. C. E from Assistant Engineer, 1st Gade, permanent, and Executive Engineer. 3rd Grade, temporary, to be Executive Engineer, 3rd Grade, permanent, with effect from 15th April.

Mr. E. M. Proes, A.M. Inst. C. E., Executive in the Engineer, 3rd Grade, is granted privilege leave for three months with effect from the 27th April.

On relief of duties as Special Land Acquisition Officer, Mr. R. W. Murphy, Assistant Engineer, 2nd Grade, is appointed Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Irrigation, vice Mr. Proes, and will, until further orders, hold charge of the office of the Under Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, Roads and Buildings, in addition.

Mr. W. H. K. Howard having delivered over charge of the office Junior Consulting Engineer for the South Southern Mahratta Railway to Mr. C. T. R. Scovell, Executive Engineer. 1st Grade, State Railways, 12th April. His Excellency the Governor in Council is pleased to re-appointed him as Under Secretary to Government in the Public Works Departments (Railway) with effect from the 13th April vice Mr. H. L. Cleaver

HOW TO KEEP COOL.

All who suffer from the heat should add a few drops of Condy's Fluid to the Daily Bath.

A Condy's Fluid Bath imparts a Lasting sensation of Coolness, Freshness and Purity. It invigorates the body and braces the nerves. The Cooling effect is Simply Magical—It is so lasting.

Condy's Fluid is sold by all Chemists. Beware of substitutes, all of which are inferior in composition and strength. Insist on having "Condy's Fluid."

ESPERANTO.

IV.

(BY DR. JOHN POLLEN.)

OBJECTIONS TO AN ART-MADE LANGUAGE.

Having glanced at the origin and explained the very simple grammar and construction of "Esperanto" it is perhaps only right to examine some of the objections that have been raised to the introduction and adoption of an artificial Language. To some minds the very idea of an art-made Language is repulsive and abhorrent! A Language cannot be *made*, they say. Like the Poet it must be *born*! It is the natural growth of the mind of the people—not a Minerva-like creation from the head of a savant—and a mere man can no more artificially bring into being a real living or live tongue than he can put *life* into a statue, revive the dust, or raise the dead! There is an obvious fallacy in this argument. But even those who most strongly urge this general objection will admit that it is perfectly possible to create and use

A CODE-LANGUAGE,

No serious objection has ever been raised to mere Codes! They can be made and used (though they are often cumbrous things) and one can both 'speak in' and 'speak of' the language of the Code without cavil. Suppose then we 'speak of' and 'speak in'

ESPERANTO MERELY AS A CODE.

The objections of the Purists to an art-made tongue must vanish! They will admit that a Code is possible and most useful! And 'Esperanto' is—to put it no higher—an absolutely complete Code, perfect in every detail and capable of use by all the Nations of the World. And like the Code of maritime signals, algebraical signs, musical notes, chemical formulæ and various other 'inventions' it only needs 'convention' to ensure its acceptance by civilised mankind. Putting it forward, therefore, merely as a Code, the advocates of 'Esperanto' claim for it fair play and demand for it

A FAIR FIELD AND NO FAVOUR.

Granted a fair field Esperanto will soon prove that it is something greater and grander than a mere Code. But if it can accomplish its glorious mission, it cares little what it is called or under what name or in what shape it succeeds and triumphs. People may assert that a Code has never yet succeeded as a living language! This may be true as an historical fact but we all know that an historical fact is not by any manner of means a law of Nature, and the series of new inventions, all the 'aphs' and 'ones'—those "Thoughts that shake mankind" which meet us daily, show that there is no argument more fallacious than the silly assertion that 'what has never been can never be'! Such an argumentjhas of course no logical force or value whatever and is the negation of Progress.

But why go out of the way to evolve an artificial language? Why not take one of the already existing languages? Why not select English? or Spanish? or Italian? and make it the language of the world!

WHY NOT SELECT A NATIONAL LANGUAGE?

Simply because, in the first place, no National Language is neutral, and in the second place no natural language is free from idiomatic difficulties and peculiarities and freaks of pronunciation and other uncontrollable irregularities.

AN INTERNATIONAL [LANGUAGE MUST BE NEUTRAL.

And no national language can be so described, and that deplorable (but very natural and insurmountable) thing known as 'national jealousy' would prevent the selection of any existing National tongue! The Germans wont have English—and the English wont have German—and the French wont have either at any price! Japanese, Russian or Chinese would be out of the question! and even such lesser lights as Spain or Italy or Portugal would not prove acceptable to the civilized world! It must be clear then to everybody that any nation would be jealous, and very properly jealous, if the language of its neighbour were to be accepted as "*The* language" and declared "the International Language" of the world—and it is equally clear that such a selection would give the favoured Nation undue commercial and scientific advantages over all its neighbours. In the second place

AN INTERNATIONAL LANGUAGE MUST BE REGULAR.

And no existing National or Natural Language—not even the easy Italian and simple Spanish—fulfils this condition! Just glance through the Italian and Spanish grammars and learn these tongues and then go to Spain or Italy and note the irregularities of speech and diction in which these Southern races revel! Why, one can never be sure of making oneself understood in various parts of Spain and Italy, however well one may know the language.

It is only actual experience that will teach one how difficult it is to follow a foreign tongue when spoken idiomatically and rapidly and in peculiar dialects. The vagaries of natural tongues are well-known! Look at the senseless and arbitrary genders—and the extravagant and uncontrollable irregularities of the verbs—and the amazing tangle of prepositions, to say nothing of declensions and conjugations and other grammatical complications and ambiguities! No! it is quite impossible to adopt any existing living natural or national language as the International Tongue or Code with any prospect of success!

The Germans and Russians wont have 'English' on any terms. "My country first" says 'William—the second to none!' "My country first—right or wrong! German for me!"

"English is good enough for me"—says Punch, expressing, as usual, the sentiments of the average Britisher!

"WHY NOT REFORM OUR SPELLING?"

And so conquer the world? cries the President of the United States, backed by the Carnegie millions. With reformed spelling American-English will be the common tongue of the future and will overcome all! But even with reformed spelling, American-English would remain a most difficult tongue for the Foreigner; and even supposing that the opposition of the German and Russian peoples could be gradually overcome it would take hundreds of years for English to become anything like cosmopolitan!

No doubt English is still spreading (tho' not so rapidly as formerly) and will spread! But the acceptance of

'ESPERANTO' WILL NOT IMPEDE IN ANY WAY

THE SPREAD OF ENGLISH.

Rather will it help! But even with all the Carnegie millions behind it, and the help of Esperanto, it will take the reformed English Language several centuries to accomplish what can be accomplished by the simple Codelike 'Esperanto' in so many decades!

It may be perfectly true, as Lord Dufferin once told his audience at Ajmir, that "in the Councils of Providence the Edict has gone forth that English shall be the tongue most spoken on this 'God's Earth' of ours!" This may be so; and if so, then 'Esperanto' will not, and certainly cannot, interfere with the ultimate fulfilment of this great decree! But in these days of rapid lightning-like intercommunication by land and sea; in these days of flashing messages and girdlings of the Earth, are the peoples to patiently await the slow growth and steady spread of a natural language before they can understand one another? And are they to refuse to use a Code ready at hand which would enable them to freely intercommunicate in the course of a few years, simply because some centuries hence "English" may be the language of the world and must ultimately be accepted of all peoples?

No! We ought to "take the goods the gods provide us" and make the most of 'Esperanto' in the present while English is slowly spreading towards remote universality!

ESPERANTO IS NOT THE RIVAL OF ANY LANGUAGE.

It has no rivals! or rather it has distanced all rivals! There have during the last two hundred years been some fifty attempts to introduce a common international language, and of course in ancient days Latin was the common tongue of the learned in Europe. But these attempts failed, and Latin is no longer possible. It takes the average school-boy years upon years to learn Latin, and when he has learned it he finds it difficult to ask for his bicycle—or 'birota velocissima'! and to modernise Latin would be to destroy the Classics! Greek no doubt is still living in a sense—and is an up-to-date language, but its Syntax is as difficult and complicated as ever and classical Greek is a thing of the past.

These classical Languages are neutral but dead! Their day is done, and they have been abandoned as vehicles of thought even by the learned. But all the same, no classical scholar wishes to see these old dead worthies mutilated and then galvanised into unnatural existence—mush in the same way as

THE JAPANESE PROPOSE TO MURDER AND MUTILATE AND GALVANIZE OUR GRAND OLD ENGLISH

in order to send it circling mechanically on "pigeon"-like wings through the Market places of Mammon!

If 'hopeless mutilation' is the price English is called upon to pay for pre-eminence in the world, she may well clamorously invoke the aid of 'Esperanto' and implore her sister "Hope" to save her from "the foul outrage" that would be worse than death.

No! The only Hope for English and Japan and the world lies in this Help-Language, "Esperanto"! It will save the Classics, help the learning of Foreign tongues, prevent the mutilation of English, and in the course of a few short years enable the nations and peoples of the Civilized World to intercommunicate rapidly and clearly with one another It is a Language for the Masses and not for the Classes and it intends to spread—

Till each man finds his own in all men's good
And all men work in noble Brotherhood.

KATHIAWAR NEWS LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

RAJKOT, APRIL 23.

I am glad to inform you, as I wired to you, that Plague measures in the Nawanagar State have proved eminently successful, and that now only three to six cases per day are occurring, thanks to the most energetic measures adopted by His Highness Jam Saheb Ranjitsinghji.

His Highness has been making a critical survey of all departments in the State with a view to their being better manned and more efficiently managed.

After His Highness has mustered the working details of all his departments, he will direct his attention to developing the latent resources of the State, which I regret to say have been sadly neglected. The resources of this State are plentiful, and if properly developed, will result in great gain to the State.

Owing to the sudden death of the Thakore Saheb of Limdi, Government will be called upon to nominate an heir to the *Gadi*, as the Thakore Saheb leaves no male child, nor had he adopted any. It was at one time almost settled that he was to adopt a son of Dadbha Muluji, who is in the service of the Porebander State, but his Rani, who predeceased him, opposed the adoption on the ground that one from nearest kinship might be adopted; and so the adoption remained in abeyance. I hear, however, on very reliable authority that the late Thakore Saheb knowing that his end was approaching had gone to Mahableshwar to lay his views on the matter before Government when he suddenly died. Some say that he has already submitted to Government the name of child, he wished to adopt but I doubt it. As the matter now stands Government will have to select an heir from the nearest Bhayats of the State which, in this case, are Talsana Bhayats.

Of the 16 Kumars who first attended the Rajkumar College on its first opening, during the Governorship of Sir Seymour Fitz Gerald, father of the present Agent to the Governor, the late Thakore Saheb was one. Of these old students two only survive—His Highness the Thakore Saheb of Morvi and his brother K. S. Herbhomji.

Jamal, the Telegraph peon, who run amok, the other day, and injured three persons, will be placed shortly before the Deputy Assistant Political Agent, Halar, who will commit him to the Sessions. The man was of a very morose temperament and regarded his brother-peons as his enemies. Mr. Perkins, the Telegraph Master, showed great presence of mind in snatching away the sword from the man's hand. Had he not done so, the man might probably have done more mischief, as he was bent upon making short work of the peons who, he thought, badgered him.

The Camp of the Agent to the Governor is at Bhavnagar where the annual meeting of the Karbharis is being held. From Bhavnagar the Agent is likely to proceed to Balacherry where he will stay till the burst of the monsoon.

The Jam Saheb of Nawanagar visited the shrine of the Yadeshwar Mahadev who, tradition says, is peculiarly propitious to the Jams of Nawanagar, and particularly so to Jam Raval, the founder of the present dynasty, who came in search of a home from Sind, and found both a home and a Kingdom in Halar. This famous shrine is situated about six miles from Wankaner, and is on the limits of the Wankaner and Morvi States. His Highness the Jam Saheb has contributed Rs. 600 a year towards its upkeep.

The Cutch mails, which were hitherto conveyed through Morvi State, will now be conveyed through Nawanagar, by a steam boat as far as Tuna, and thence to Anjar, and Bhuj.

Mr. Dayashankar Balwant Ray Munshi, the Deputy in Talawad, succeeds Mr. Laud as Manager of the Rajkot State; and as Mr. Laud is not likely to return on account of failing health, Mr. Dayashankar will be confirmed in the appointment, and probably appointed Karbhari when His Highness Thakore Saheb Lakhaji Raj is installed on the *Gadi* which would not be very long.

The service of Mr. Clifford, a Deputy Police Superintendent, is placed at the disposal of the Superintendent of Police, Kathiawar Agency. Mr. Burke, Manager of the Morvi State Railway, retires from service next month.

The Cotton produce of the whole of Kathiawar will amount to about a crore of rupees this year, though cotton of an inferior kind, which is soon reaped, is grown in most parts of the Province.

In some places in Kathiawar pneumonic, and not bubonic, plague is prevalent, and it proves fatal in almost every case.

The *Kathiawar News* says that those honest creditors who have suffered through the rules framed by Colonel Hunter, the late Political Agent in Kathiawar, should share *pro rata* in the surplus available for debt redemption. The rules were aimed at frustrating the rascality of those who had inveigled Chiefs into contracting small loans from them and thereby securing them evermore into their clutches.

On Friday last, the Raj Kumar College Athletic Sports were held when the Kumars living in the north wing of the College competed with the Kumars living in the south wing for a Callenge Shield presented by the late Agent to the Governor in Kathiawar, Colonel W. P. Kennedy. The events on the Card, such as throwing the Cricket Ball; Long Jump; High Jump; 100 Yards Race; Band Race; Potato Race; 1/2 mile and 1/4 mile Races; 1/4 mile obstacle Race and Tug of War, were very keenly contested and the students were cheered on to contest by the Principal and the Staff of the College, the Officers in the Garrison, and last but not least, by H. H. Jam Saheb Ranjitsinghji who had come down from Navanagar, in response to the special request of the Principal, and took a good deal of interest in the sports. On his arrival His Highness was given a hearty welcome by the College and the Public. As His Highness had, however to return to Jamnagar the same evening he could not stay till the sports were over.

The sports resulted in a decided victory for the south wing which won the Challenge Shield by 127 points to 52. Prizes were presented by Mr. H. D. Rendal, Judicial Assistant to the Agent to the Governor K. S. Herbhomji; the Staff Squadron Officers and Musahibs. By kindness of Major Dennys and the Officers of 123rd Outrams Rifles, the Regimental Band played during the sports.

Mr. Mayne having distributed the prizes, the gathering dispersed amid much cheering.

The next day the Sawrashtra High School held its annual social gathering, when Cricket and Football matches were played between the past and present students of the school. At night a theatrical performance was given by the students which was well attended.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER RIFLES.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. R. W. L. DUNLOP COMMANDING R. V. R.

Bombay, April 26.

28. Arms—All Arms and Accoutrements to be returned to Head-Quarters at once, for inspection by the Civil Chief Master Armourer.

29 Cup Rifle Meeting—The 113th Rifle Range at Santa Cruz is placed at the disposal of O O "F" Company on Sunday the 28th instant.

CONDITIONS.

I.—Firing to commence at 7 a.m.
II.—No entries will be allowed after the continue has sounded.
III.—Rifles will be taken out for those competitors who notify their intention to compete to Head-Quarters.

G. D. PRICE, Capt.,
Adjt., B. V. R.

BOMBAY VOLUNTEER ARTILLERY.

REGIMENTAL ORDERS BY MAJOR J. W. HAWES. COMMANDING, B. V. A.

Bombay, April 25.

NIL.

NOTICE.

A Smoking concert will be held at the B V A Club on Saturday the 27th instant to which all members of the corps and their friends are cordially invited.

F. C. JENKIN, Lieut., R. A.
Adjt., B. V. A.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.—Are you broken in your rest by a sick child suffering with the pain of cutting teeth? Go at once to a chemist and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP. It will relieve the poor sufferer immediately. It is perfectly, harmless and pleasant to taste, it produces natural, quiet sleep, by relieving the child from pain, and the little cherub awakes as bright as a button. It soothes the child, it softens the gums, allays all pain, relieves wind, regulates the bowels, and is the best known remedy for dysentery and diarrhœa, whether arising from teething or other causes, Mrs. Winslow's Soothing Syrup is sold by Medicine dealers everywhere.

NEW BOMBAY MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

Election of President.

A meeting of the members of the new Bombay Municipal Corporation was held yesterday afternoon in the Municipal Council Hall, when the attendance was unusually large.

Exactly as the Municipal clock struck three the Hon'ble Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtulla proposed that Mr. F. W. Cuffe should take the chair.

Mr. D. E. Wacha seconded the resolution which being carried, Mr. T. W. Cuffe took the chair and signed the minutes of the last meeting.

The Corporation considered a letter to the Municipal Secretary from the Commissioner who forwarded a list of the 72 members of the new Municipal Corporation elected by the rate-payers, the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, the Bench of Justices, and the University and appointed by Government. He notified that the result of the election of the members by the Justices had been questioned and the matter was before the Small Causes Court. The Corporation also considers a notice to the Municipal Secretary from Messrs. Bhaishanker Nanabhai, Dr. A. G. Viegas, Mr. Kaliandas Keshandas and Mr. Bhagwandas Narotumdas, stating that there had been no general election of Justices for the ensuing triennium and that no councillor being elected at the Justices' General Election on, the day fixed for that purpose by the Municipal Commissioner, they were willing to serve and under the circumstances they should be deemed to be elected as Councillors and they gave notice that they claimed to act as such.

Mr. James MacDonald proposed that the Commissioner's letter forwarding the names of the members and the notices from Mr. Bhaishanker and others be recorded.

Mr. Haji Usuf Haji Ismail seconded the resolution.

Dr. Sukhia protested against the Chairman signing the minutes of the last meeting and also objected to the proceeding of the business before they had elected their president.

Mr. Setalwad also raised an objection as to the validity of the proceedings especially as the case of Justices' election had been still pending in the Small Causes Court.

The Chairman ruled that the Commissioner had officially given him a list of 72 members duly elected, and he was therefore unable to allow the objections raised by the members.

Mr. Setalwad: I ask whether we can consider any business before the election of the President There was a statutory obligation upon them to first elect the President.

The Chairman suggested that it would be better if some member proposed that the consideration of the business be adjourned to a later stage after the election of the President.

After some further discussion the proposition was carried.

ELECTION OF THE PRESIDENT.

Mr. James Macdonald then proposed the election of the President for the year. He said I have great pleasure in proposing as President of this Corporation the Hon'ble Mr. Vitaldas D. Thakersey well-known as one of the leaders of his own community and almost as well known by the general public as an industrial leader of high character, capacity and intelligence. He has served the public in many activities as a Councilor, as a Chairman of the standing Committee, and as a pioneer of industries for the benefit of the masses. I trust the appointment will be unanimous.

Lieut.-Col Collie seconded the proposition.

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna moved as an amendment that the Hon'ble Mr. Hari Sitaram Dikshit be appointed the President. In support of his proposition he observed that ordinarily in the course of the business the proposition about the election of the President would have met with approval of both the sides of the Corporation, but the disturbed atmosphere was of such a nature that it was in the interests of the City that they should have a trained and expert lawyer. He dilated upon the various services of Mr. Dikshit in the Municipal Hall and in the Legislative Council remarking that his services in connection with the Police Bill in the Legislative Council were eulogised by Sir Charles Ollivant.

Mr. Jehangir B. Petit seconded the proposition.

Mr. Setalwad again raised a point of order and asked the Chairman's ruling as to whether the Justices against whom proceedings were pending in the Courts were entitled to take part in the proceedings and vote for the election of the president.

The Chairman applied his previous ruling which laid down that the members whose list was furnished to them by the Commissioner were entitled to record their votes.

On a division the proposition for Mr. Vithaldas' nomination as the President was carried by 41 against 20 in favour of Mr. Dikshit.

The announcement was received with loud cheers.

Mr. Cuffe, in congratulating Mr. Vithaldas on his success, observed that he was quite sure that Mr. Vithaldas would uphold the traditions of the Corporation and follow, in the worthy steps of a line of distinguished predecessors. (Hear, hear.)

The Hon. Mr. Vithaldas having taken the chair amidst applause, said:—"Gentlemen, I beg to thank you all and Mr. Cuffe sincerely for the great honour that you have conferred on me to-day. I hold it to be the greatest honour which can be bestowed on a citizen of Bombay by his fellow-citizens. It will be my earnest endeavour to prove worthy of the high confidence that has been reposed in me, and I beg to assure you most earnestly that it will be my constant aspiration to uphold the great traditions which have been maintained by a succession of eminent predecessors. The discharge of the responsible duties pertaining to this chair has always been made smooth and pleasant to the President by the loyal and willing co-operation of the Councillors. I confidently appeal to all of you to grant to me also a continuance of the same measure of sympathy and support during the coming year. I am quite conscious of the fact that none of my predecessors, probably, stood in greater need of it than myself. I pray that our proceedings during the year may be marked by the same qualities of dignity, propriety and consideration for public interests which have distinguished it in the past. I thank you once again most sincerely for the confidence you have reposed in me." (Applause).

THANKS TO THE RETIRING PRESIDENT.

The President said that before they could go on with the business of the meeting it was usual to propose a vote of thanks to the retiring President.

Sir Bhalchandra Krishna proposed a vote of thanks to Dr. A. G. Viegas, the retiring President. He said it was his melancholy duty to move that proposition, as unfortunately, Dr. Viegas was absent from the Corporation, who was now, technically speaking no more a member of the Corporation. But the most unfortunate part of the whole thing was that though his Dr. Viega's constituents had failed to place him on the Corporation Board, there was certainly a remedy in the hands of the Government, who had on that occasion showed a lack of appreciation of his valuable services to the Government and the public in general ("Shame, shame.") He was sorry to have made the remark, but he could not help it. The Government could have appreciated those services by appointing him as their nominee. He was not afraid of making those remarks but in that he was echoing the sentiments of the whole public. ("Hear, hear.")

Mr. Sorab Dhondi seconded the proposition which was carried unanimously.

THE STANDING COMMITTEE.

The next business on the Agenda was to elect members for the new Standing Committee of the Corporation. The same difficulties and the same objections as to the validity of the votes of the Justices' members were raised, and the President ruled that they had a right to vote. Mr. Jehangir Petit urged that the election of the Standing Committee should have been made at the first meeting and the ballots should have been closed within one hour of the meeting.

The President disallowed the objection.

After some discussion and amendments the ballot was taken and the result will be declared at the next meeting.

THE IMPROVEMENT TRUST.

The Hon. Mr. G. O. W. Dunn moved that priority be given to the consideration of Item 90 on the agenda which related to the appointment of a representative of the Corporation on the Improvement Trust in place of Dr. Viegas.

The Hon. Sir Pherozeshah Mehta said that in justice to Dr. Viegas, the matter should not be proceeded with in haste. He suggested that the matter be postponed pending the result of their suit in the Small Causes Court.

Mr. Baptista pointed out that the Corporation should decide the question before the 30th of April. If they did not do so, their right to elect a representative for the Improvement Trust would lapse and the nomination in that case would rest with Government. If they adjourned the consideration of that question, they would have to forfeit the right of nominating a member for the City Trust.

The Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtoolla suggested a middle course. He thought that the priority should be granted and the consideration of the matter should then be deferred to Monday next.

Mr. Cowasji Readymoney said that he had no objection to the question being allowed to stand over till Monday next, provided the other side gave an assurance that the Court's decision would be obtained by noon on Monday.

After some discussion, the priority was given and the consideration of the matter was then deferred till Monday next.

THE MUNICIPAL AUDITOR.

The Corporation considered a letter to the President from the Accountant-General, Bombay, stating that owing to a senior Superintendent acting in a higher vacancy from the 25th instant, he regretted that he was unable to spare the services of Mr. H. S. Katrak, the Municipal Auditor, after the end of the current month.

In the course of discussion on this letter, Sir Pherozshah Mehta remarked that it was with great difficulty that they obtained services of an able, efficient, strict and over-conscientious auditor, and it was a pity that his services were withdrawn. The Committee which was appointed to elect an auditor should represent the matter to the Government, asking them not to withdraw from them such an over-conscious and zealous auditor.

Mr. F. C. Harrison protested against the insinuations underlying Sir Pherozshah's remarks, and characterized them as "insulting and disgraceful."

Sir Pherozshah Mr. President: I must ask you to call upon Mr. Harrison to withdraw the remarks, I have made no insinuations of any kind.

Mr. Harrison said that S

THE LADIES' CORNER.

INCONGRUITIES IN LADIES' WEAR.

The English girl's figure, it is asserted, compares unfavourably with that of the American or French girls. There is truth in the statement, but there is also truth in the assertion that as the English girl approaches middle age she eclipses her Continental sisters in comeliness. Somehow this fact has been ignored, but exactly why it is difficult to understand. There are endless illustrated ladies' fashion periodicals published, and almost all of them seem to have conspired to depict the average matron tall and slim. In real life this is not so. In every section of society, high, middle-class, or low, a casual observation will suffice to prove the unpardonable error so persisted in by fashion artists. By all means let us have artistic illustrated periodicals, but not at the expense of truth and reality. There is nothing a man resents more in a lady than an attempt to make herself look different to her natural tendency, and he is not to be blamed.

NATURAL TENDENCIES.

Now, the natural tendency of the average English matron gravitates towards embonpoint, but this development is comely. In no other country does the average matron's figure approach that of the English dame in comeliness, and the same comparison applies with equal force to the latter in regard to complexion. In other countries the complexion of young women changes to sallowness, but in England this is not the case. On the contrary, a comparative freshness, doubtless due to our moist climate, is conspicuous, but whatever the natural causes be, it must be admitted that the charming appearance of middle-aged English ladies is considerably enhanced thereby. The marvel, however, is that these natural advantages are so much disregarded, as is evidenced in every station of life. The fault may be the fashion artist's, or perhaps the dressmaker—probably both. But one thing is certain, that dressmakers' minds seem so impressed with the wasp-like figures depicted by the artist, that they are unable to realize the reverse conditions in real life. It is only in fashion journals that all English matrons possess wasp-like waists.

DIFFERENT IN REAL LIFE.

In real life they are mostly possessed of comely embonpoint. Instead of realizing this important factor, the dressmakers strive to tighten the figure to the detriment of health and comfort. There is no need whatever to undergo this suffering. It is not only fostering a dangerous practice, but it actually detracts for a lady's appearance, and, strange as it may sound, even increases the aspect of embonpoint beyond its state. This is accounted for, partly because bright-coloured materials are used instead of black or neutral shades, and partly by the faults or mistakes of an inexperienced dressmaker. Those points are invaluable to the English matron, but, somehow or other dressmakers do not consider this class as worthy of much attention. The latter from such a large section of the public that it seems incomprehensible they should be treated generally with such scant courtesy, and almost anything is considered good enough to thrust upon them.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAM.]

SIMLA, APRIL 25.

The area of rain in the Peninsula moved further inland but the falls are lighter than yesterday. Rain continues in Assam. One fall is reported from North Punjab where the weather still remains unsettled. The temperature has fallen in Rajputana and the Punjab and has risen in parts of North-East India.

In Burma, the skies are lightly to moderately clouded. Humidity and temperature continue normal.

In North-East India and Orissa, Silchar had one inch of rain; Dibrugarh and Tezpur 1/4, and Cherra Poonji 6 inches. Cloud increased and is moderate to heavy in Eastern Bengal and Assam. Humidity has risen and is nearly moderate, while the temperature has risen in the central districts where it is in slight to moderate excess.

In the United Provinces, Central India and the Central Provinces the skies are partially cleared in the United Provinces and is still moderately to heavily clouded elsewhere. The air remains damper than usual except to the east of the United Provinces, while the temperature is normal in the latter area and in moderate defect in the remainder of the division.

In North-West India Sialkot had 1/4 inch of rain. The skies have cleared except in the extreme north where it has become more thickly clouded. Humidity continues in excess and the temperature is in moderate to large defect at most stations.

In the Peninsula the following rainfall is reported:—Hyderabad and Raichur 1/4; Bellary and Chitaldroog 1/2; and Mangalore and Meroara 1/4: Skies are lightly to moderately clouded, and in the Deccan the air remains damper than usual while the temperature is normal, except in Hyderabad, Bombay and the Deccan where it is in moderate defect.

Rainfall is again likely in Eastern Bengal and Assam and local showers are possible in the Peninsula in Central India and the Central Provinces.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A. M. ON THURSDAY, 25TH APRIL.

STATIONS.	Pressure 8 A.M.	Wind: Directions.	Wind: Average hours.	Temperature in Shade: Mean hours. 24 hours.	Temperature in Shade: Departure from normal.	Temperature in Shade: Maximum of past 24 hours.	Temperature in Shade: Minimum of past 24 hours.	Humidity.	Rainfall: Past 24 hours.	Rainfall: Since 1st June to date.	Rainfall: Variation, 1st June to date.
Bushire	29·765	NW	5	83·6	71·1	75	....	....	0·78	....	—3·20
Jask	29·868	Calm	0	....	71·8	84	....	....	2·30	....	—0·79
Muscat	29·861	SE	18	91·8	82·0	61	....	....	5·79	plus 1·78	
Aden	29·848	NE	16	90·3	75·9	73	....	....	0·64	—1·76	
Lahore	29·768	NE	4	87·4	56·3	61	....	....	0·88	+2·19	
Sirsa	29·774	Calm	3	91·2	66·1	68	....	....	0·25	+0·25	
Delhi	29·771	NNE	5	91·2	70·2	63	....	....	5·03	+1·79	
Agra	29·754	SW	5	94·5	74·5	47	....	....	4·53	+2·04	
Cawnpore	29·731	W	11	97·9	77·7	45	....	....	4·56	+1·93	
Allahabad	29·730	WNW	9	101·6	79·3	32	....	....	4·14	+2·03	
Jhansi	29·791	WSW	7	96·2	77·6	71	....	....	3·92	+2·14	
Jacobabad	29·784	SE	3	98·1	71·7	43	....	....	0·95	—0·18	
Karachi	29·800	WSW	15	88·4	74·8	76	....	....	2·12	+0·91	
Jeypore	29·800	WNW	4	93·2	67·1	51	0·08	....	4·17	+2·80	
Ajmere	29·683	W	10	93·4	77·5	52	....	....	2·93	+1·36	
Deesa	29·823	SW	10	99·3	68·4	57	....	....	2·33	+1·83	
Ahmedabad	29·841	SW	15	95·1	70·7	56	....	....	2·31	—0·37	
Bhuj	29·836	WNW	14	96·1	71·9	78	....	....	1·49	+0·98	
Jamnagar	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....
Dwarka	29·843	SW	12	85·2	77·7	71	....	....	1·97	....	....
Rajkot	29·850	SW	16	91·4	62·7	60	0·06	....	0·96	—0·45	
Bhavnagar	29·852	NW	5	89·6	71·5	74	0·01	....	1·56	+0·79	
Para.											
Veraval	29·850	NW	9	83·6	74·3	72	....	....	0·02	—0·67	
Keenneh	29·828	WNW	10	89·0	69·7	59	0·02	....	0·85	—0·31	
Indore	29·864	W	8	84·1	71·6	74	....	....	0·23	—0·78	
Sanger	29·849	WSW	11	92·6	73·0	55	....	....	2·73	+0·31	
Jubbulpore	29·869	W	4	95·0	72·8	69	....	....	6·25	+2·62	
Hoshangabad	29·873	Calm	2	94·9	74·8	51	....	....	3·22	+1·44	
Khandwa	29·849	NNW	9	96·2	77·1	46	....	....	2·09	+0·91	
Raipur	29·818	WSW	5	100·6	75·9	47	....	....	2·93	+3·34	
Nagpur	29·790	NNE	7	100·6	76·1	49	....	....	4·20	+1·21	
Amraoti	29·671	NNW	8	102·6	74·8	75	0·02	....	5·61	+3·38	
Akola	29·869	NW	8	100·8	73·4	76	0·03	....	3·77	+1·38	
Surat	29·858	N	7	88·0	76·0	78	0·03	....	0·13	—0·17	
Malegaon	29·920	SW	6	92·4	73·6	77	0·02	....	1·17	+0·16	
Bombay	29·849	NNE	14	91·0	79·6	87	....	....	0·32	—0·44	
Poona	29·892	C	6	88·0	69·8	54	0·18	....	2·26	+0·30	
Ahmednagar	29·885	NW	3	93·4	70·0	64	....	....	2·31	+0·40	
Aurangabad	29·892	NE	3	91·7	73·2	68	....	....	2·10	....	
Sholapur	29·858	E	7	94·2	72·0	71	....	....	1·98	—0·25	
Satara	29·832	E	7	87·2	70·2	75	....	....	0·48	—0·23	
Belgaum	29·827	Calm	3	91·2	70·2	81	....	....	6·02	plus 3·09	
Kolhapur	29·881	Calm	3	88·2	68·8	79	0·06	....	2·97	—0·98	
Miraj	29·838	Calm	6	88·0	69·4	73	....	....	1·21	—0·88	
Karwar	29·907	Calm	4	89·2	76·0	86	....	....	3·41	plus 0·04	
Mangalore	29·833	Calm	4	91·2	75·4	79	0·20	....	5·24	plus 0·66	
Calicut	29·826	ENE	8	88·0	78·2	82	....	....	10·05	—0·12	
Cochin	29·828	ESE	12	89·3	77·6	74	....	....	18·13	+2·53	
Bangalore	29·851	W	6	92·3	69·2	65	....	....	4·77	—0·84	
Hyderabad (Deccan).	29·836	Calm	3	93·6	71·7	71	0·27	....	3·64	+2·58	
Masulipatam	29·842	WNW	9	97·7	80·6	83	....	....	11·15	+3·24	
Bellary	29·859	WNW	7	100·0	70·7	68	0·48	....	4·49	+1·58	
Cuddapah	29·907	W	6	103·7	81·9	87	....	....	8·33	—0·46	
Madras	29·813	S	7	98·5	80·6	73	....	....	23·11	plus 1·67	
Coimbatore	29·845	E	4	93·4	73·1	87	....	....	12·76	plus 6·74	
Trichinopoly	29·833	Calm	3	100·2	80·3	72	....	....	9·90	—0·78	
Nagapatam	29·815	SW	12	96·4	81·0	69	....	....	45·06	+13·25	
Colombo	29·832	ESE	6	87·6	75·0	83	....	....	23·75	—17·45	

SUMMARY.

Pressure has increased briskly at Lahore, Delhi, Allahabad, Jhansi Sangor, Jubbulpore Khandwa, Raipur, Amraoti, Akola and Malegaon and has changed by small amounts elsewhere.

Winds are variable in direction and the force has been fresh to strong at Karachi, Rajkot and Bombay, and moderate to light elsewhere.

Temperature.—The maximum temperature is from 6° to 18° below normal in several places and the minimum 5° to 9° below it at Sirsa, Delhi, Jaipur, Deesa, Ahmedabad, Bhavnagar Para, Rajkot, Bijapur, Hyderabad (Deccan) and Bellary. The highest temperature in the shade was 105° at Trichinopoly and the lowest 68° at Rajkot.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is yet cloudy in several places.

Rain.—Jaipur, Rajkot, Bhavnagar Para, Neemuch, Amraoti, Akola, Malegaon, Surat, Poona, Mangalore, Hyderabad (Deccan) and Bellary report light showers.

Weather is slightly favourable for local scattered showers to the south of latitude 24°.

N. LESLIE,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

BY THE WAY.

CATCHING COCKATOOS.

The commonest of domesticated wild birds in Australia is the sulphur-crested cockatoo, which is the subject of a very interesting article in the *Field*. "There is often a great difference," says the writer, "between the talking ability of cockatoos," even out of the same nest, but the bulk of them can talk fairly well Occasionally, however, one finds a bird with an almost human articulation and with an accent that almost convinces that he understands the language. There are, of course, many phrases that a good cockatoo knows the meaning of, just like a spaniel, phrases relating to food scratching his poll, and so on. I heard a cockatoo the other day say, 'one, two three, four, five, six, eight, d—it, I've forgotten the seven again," with inimitable expression, and followed by a rollicking laugh that was really human. "They nest in the hollow stems or branches of the huge eucalyptus trees that are so common over most of the state of Victoria. These great gaunt trees tower up to a height of 100ft. or more, and their boles are bulky, smooth, and usually branches for the first 30ft. or 40ft. The living trees are often hollow or have a hollow broken limbs, while the dead trees are usually hollow nearly all over. The cockatoo is not particular whether the hollow is in a live or dead tree, so long as the tree is big and unclimbable in the ordinary way, and is not too near a house. The more inaccessible the hollow is the better the bird likes it, as I have found to my cost when in search of a nest. This is a very simple affair, and is usually placed some 4ft or 5ft. from the outlet—just too far for one to reach it with the hand. There the cockatoo lays usually two, sometimes only one, but occasionally three large white eggs.

USE OF A STOCK WHIP.

"It is at this time that the cockatoo hunter looks for the nest. The birds, however, are very shy and cunning. They will never go into the nest while anyone is about, and if one is approaching a clump of trees containing nests, an old cock-bird standing sentinel on the top of the tallest tree will give the alarm call, and instantly every henbird will slip out of the nesting holes, without a sound before one is close enough to locate them. Where there are solitary nests a plan to find them, which is often practised, is to ride around with a stock whip and crack it beneath a likely tree the report of the whip—which in the hands of a practised man, is like the noise of a postal—sends the hen-bird off her nest at once. "When you have found your nests, the next question is how to get at them. A ladder is of no use for it would be impracticable to take one that was long enough without a great deal of trouble. I have got at many nests by using a long rope. The rope was cast over the first limb, and a loop made in one end, in which I stood, while a mate hauled me up. Once on the first limb with the help of a hatchet I could often reach the next. Sometimes I had a second rope and threw it over a higher limb, pulling myself up with it. Soon, however, I discovered a better method. This was to provide myself with a number of steel spikes and a tomahawk. I drove the spikes into the bole of the tree a good distance apart, and used the spikes as a ladder driving them in one above the other as I mounted. By this means the tallest of trees could be ascended in a very short time.

GETTING AT THE NEST.

"Upon reaching the nest the tomahawk was brought into further use in the way of chopping a hole into the nest. As I have mentioned, the latter is usually too far down for the birds to be reached with the hand. Some nest hunters use a wire with which to pull the young birds up, but this is likely to injure them. Sometimes, when the bole has been too thick to be conveniently cut through, I have put a small stick down and have waited until the young one grabbed it with his curved beak. Then I have pulled him up far enough to catch him with my hand. But the usual method is patiently to cut away at the limb or bole until one can get at the young birds direct. "I usually put the young birds inside my shirt front, and brought them down with me; but sometime I have thrown them gently into the air and let them flutter to the ground. One has to be very careful, however, to see that they are not too well feathered. Once I tossed a young one into the air, and it flew straight off. It had got such a fright that it never thought of alighting on a neighbouring tree but continued flying as long as my astonished eyes could follow it. "In descending the tree one has to be pretty careful. As I come down I have to knock out the spikes and let them fall to the ground and occasionally in bearing too heavily on a spike while knocking out another I have felt it beginning to give way. But with care there need be no accident.

A FAVOURITE PHOTOGRAPH.

What Mr. Galdstone most enjoyed about the Chateau de Thorenc (adds our correspondent) were the beautiful walks in the neighbourhood. Many photographs were taken of him there, but the one he liked most was a photograph in which he and Lord Rendel appeared walking arm in arm, deep in political discussion. I came across a copy of it once in a remote farmhouse in Montgomeryshire, and on the back of it was written: "To Mr. John Jones, Vachir, with best wishes. W. E. Gladstone." Mr. John Jones was a farmer, a constituent of Lord Rendel, a tremendous admirer of Mr. Gladstone and an amateur wood carver. He had once written to the Prime Minister asking for some wood felled by the statesman's own axe and for some time afterwards he regularly received a supply wood whenever Mr. Gladstone brought down a new tree. This he worked up into walking-stick handles, crosses, lockets, necklaces, &c., and they were greatly prized among his friends. It may not be generally known that Mr. Gladstone formed his last Administration under Lord Rendel's roof, and it was then that he promised the three points demanded by the Welsh leader—a Welsh Suspensory Bill, a Welsh University, and a Welsh Land Commission.

FOLLOWING PRECEDENT.

Sir H. Campbell-Bannerman, in spending the Easter recess at the Chateau de Thorenc, Cannes, as the guest of Lord Rendel is following the example of Mr. Gladstone. For some years before he died Mr. Gladstone spent his holidays abroad regularly at this delightful house, and between him and his host a most intimate and enduring friendship sprang up. It began in a merely political association, Lord Rendel's position as the Parliamentary leader of the Welsh Liberal party bringing him much into contact with the Liberal leader; it was cemented by the marriage of Lord Rendel's daughter to Mr. Gladstone's son Henry, and it was continued in the most intimate spirit up to the hour of the Liberal leader's death at Hawarden. Lord Rendel's profound veneration and attachment for Mr. Gladstone was sometimes the subject of jest. Once on the eve of a Parliamentary debate on Welsh Disestablishment (writes "H,") I got a letter from Lord Rendel in which he stated that Mr. Gladstone was too unwell to undertake the journey to vote in favour of the motion and that he himself could not forsake his charge. In the pages of "Punch" there is a cartoon based on the letter, in which Mr. Gladstone appears in bed and Lord Rendel is sitting beside him, in the habit of a nurse feeding him with gruel.

THE TROUBLES OF CHAUFFEURS.

The motor spun round a corner and ran into a blinding cloud of dust. The chauffeur, with an instinctive movement, pulled the goggles down over his eyes. "There you are," he said with cheery philosophy, "that's the sort of thing; no wonder so many of us go about with a red rim round our peepers." As the car speed along the high road this clever specimen of the mercurial race of chauffeurs told of the ailments peculiar to his work. The eye troubles of chauffeurs are many and various, but the chief is dust-inflamed eyes. The dust works into the corners and sets up inflammation. Then the eyeball is often hurt by flying fragments, and wind and cold each set up a particular kind of suffering. Nor are goggles always an effective preventive. The fierce wind of speed makes its way through the crannies and dust penetrates, unless the goggles are extremely well made. The wearing of goggles in itself is a danger, and is apt to encourage obliquity of vision. Chauffeurs also have to bear a muscular affection of the arms, consequent upon holding them constantly in one position on the steering wheel and also upon the jarring and vibration of the wheel. On a long run the strain of holding the arms out without relief is very great. "It looks easy enough," the chauffeur said; "but you try it for six hours on stretch."

AND FEARS.

Suddenly he slowed down from a tremendous speed, and the car went along innocently at something under the regulation limit. The explanation soon appeared A policeman strolled out of an ambush in the hedge side, wearing the air of casually examining the scenery. "I was too sharp for 'im," said the chauffeur with a grin. He pulled the lever, and shot on again. "Curious thing," he went on, "I've only been up once, and then I was goin' eighteen miles through a town, and they fined me twenty quid and endorsed my licence. The magistrates are terrible on a feller." It was suggested that as most magistrates were motorists one would expect more leniency. "They take it out of the chauffeur; it gives the public a good impression that they're keepin' down dangerous driving. When I was fined the gentlemen in the car—it was a hired car—made me drive faster; but, bless you they didn't stand the racket. Outside the court I met a pal o' mine—another chauffeur' 'Hulle!' I said: 'nice place to meet. What's yours?' 'Knockin' a man down, 'e says; 'they'll do me stiff, Bob.' They gave 'im a month without the option."

GREEN ROOM GOSSIP.

MISS SYBIL ARUNDALE.

It has been by the power of talent, real talent, and real talent alone—taking the influence of beauty for granted—that Miss Sybil Arundale has advanced to a front place among the stars of the musical stage. She is an admirable little actress. I think I may say, without risk of giving undeserved hurt in other directions, that Miss Arundale takes the lead of the leading actresses of London's musical comedy. Her singing is not less admirable than her acting. And as to her dancing, I certainly know of no other prima donna of the sphere of the Lyric stage who is so nimble and so graceful on her legs as is this very fascinating heroine of the new piece at the Waldorf, "The Gipsy Girl." This combination of talent is most unusual in a musical comedy or comic opera feminine star. We often pass over the inferior dancing of a lady, on the ground that she can, at all events, sing or act very prettily. Or we excuse her backwardness in acting and singing because she dances divinely. We give her credit for being proficient in at least one branch—sometimes, but not often, in two branches—of the profession of impersonating musical comedy heroines. But for Miss Arundale's work our praise must be unqualified and unrestricted. She is as excellent at one thing as she is at another. She is at the top of her class in all subjects. She is the musical stage's show pupil. There is not a pen among the whole scattered academy of critics that has not written down as much.

"THE GIPSY GIRL."

Which is all the more reason for hoping that the musical comedy written and composed for her by her brother, Mr. Claude Arundale, is not beyond being nourished into a condition sufficiently strong for a long run. We have seen so little of Miss Arundale since her success in *The Cingalee* at Daly's that we can ill afford to allow *The Gipsy Girl* to fail to attract, especially as this piece gives her such fine opportunity for the exercise of her artistic gifts. Whatever else Mr. Claude Arundale may not have succeeded in accomplishing, there can be no question about his having provided his sister with first-rate acting and singing material, and written some very pretty, if very reminiscent, melodies. We know the ways of the modern librettist too well to look for anything much of a story in a musical comedy book. We have grown, by necessity, quite amazingly modest in our expectations from that quarter. But we did think we were safe at last from that story of the sunburnt heroine, who in the last act turns out to be the long-lost daughter of the dashing Colonel in the grey frock suit and the white wig, from whose ancestral gates she was stolen by gipsies when a baby! However, the piece is very handsomely produced, and Miss Arundale, a hostess in herself, is supported by a very excellent company of players, in which there are *no Gibson girls*. And there are other things at the Waldorf to be thankful for, notably (and apart from the attractions of Miss Sybil Arundale's Katrina), the baritone hero of Mr. Gordon Cleather, the charms of Miss Grace Arundale, the humours of Mr. Fred Eastman and Mr. Aubrey Fitzgerald, and the uncommonly fine orchestra under the direction of Mr. Arthur Wood.

THE AUTHOR'S MORAL.

Of course, there is a very pretty moral to Mr. Claude Arundale's story. This has been acknowledged since the beginning of time, or thereabouts. It hints to us that we ought to be more polite to the dark-eyed dweller in the wandering caravan who worries us to purchase East-end brooms at West-end prices, lest she should turn out to be the long-lost child of noble parents. It warns us to be very careful how we offend a lady whose friendship might at some future period prove of great value to us in the great and universally popular game of Social advancement.

FROM MR. MARTIN HARVEY.

I have received from Mr. Martin Harvey, who is at the Newcastle Theatre Royal with *The Corsican Brothers* and other popular plays from his repertoire, an interesting communication touching the origin of *Les Freres Corse*, which he in his turn has received under the signature of Louis A. Barbe. It is not complimentary to the veracity of Dumas, but perhaps that doesn't matter very much at this time of day. "According to an account I have just read," writes Mr. Barbe to Mr. Harvey—"and which is, as I understand, taken from Mr. Dutton Cook's 'Nights at the Play,' Dumas professed that while travelling in Corsica he had been hospitably received by the Comtesse Savilla dei Franchi at her chateau in the village of Sullacarro; that he became a friend of her twin sons and learned of the mysterious sympathy existing between them; that he knew of the love of Louis for the beautiful Emelie de Lesparre, and of the villainy of Chateau Renaud; and that he was present at the two duels of the Corsicans with the Frenchman—the duels being fought at Vincennes with pistols, and not at Fontainebleau with swords."

LESS ROMANTIC.

Mr. Martin Harvey's correspondent proceeds then to do something more than hint that Dumas was not appearing in the role of George Washington when he told the story repeated in Mr. Dutton Cook's reminiscences. Mr. Barbe writes: "What I have to relate is not, I admit, nearly so romantic. It does not include a love story, nor is there a duel for a *denouement*. But it has this advantage: it was told to me by one who claimed to be, or rather to have suggested, Louis dei Franchi. This was the well-known French historian, Louis Blanc. Many years ago—about the middle of the 'Sixties—when he was living in exile, I met him several times at the house of a friend. On one occasion he related to us what impressed me so much at the time that I feel sure I can reproduce at least the main fact with absolute accuracy. Louis Blanc was murderously assaulted one night in Paris—knocked on the head with a bludgeon, I think—as he was returning home from the theatre. The attack appears to have been a particularly savage one, and the victim of it was at first thought to have been killed. "A few days later a letter came from Madrid, where Louis Blanc's brother Charles was living at the time. It contained the information that a remarkable thing had happened. Charles had suddenly fallen to the ground as though stricken down with apoplexy. On regaining consciousness he said: 'Something, I am sure, has happened to Louis!' The day and hour of Charle's alarming experience in the streets of Madrid were stated, and a comparison showed that they coincided with the day and the hour of the attack on Louis. The story was startling enough to get about the world in many places, and it reached the ears of Dumas, supplying him with the *motif* of his romance. It may be mentioned that the brothers Blanc were not twins. Neither were they pure Corsicans. I believe, however, that through their mother they were descended from the well-known family of Pozzo di Borgo. I may add, in conclusion, that I remember reading in one of George Sala's chatty contributions to one of the London papers Augustus an account which quite tallied with mine, and which he also, he said, got directly from Louis Blanc."

THE SPORTING CHORUS.

The "crowd" of the comic opera—the "and others"—is usually composed of flower girls, fishermen, market porters, soldiers, etc. Musical comedy cannot tolerate anything so common—or so picturesque. Nothing can satisfy it but that its choruses shall be represented by young ladies and gentlemen of County Society. Consequently, on the male side, we see now and again some weird and wonderful sporting getups in the musical comedy chorus. It may not be the fault of the young bloods themselves that their shooting, or riding, or fishing attire on some occasions strikes one as being more amusing than the author's lines. The costumes are chosen for them by the management. "*Theirs* not to make reply." *Theirs* but to do what they are told, and to wear what is handed out to them. Nevertheless, they help to give expression sometimes, willing or unwilling to extraordinary notions of sporting dress, so they cannot be allowed to go scot free. There are a few very singular specimens of the sporting squire in the chorus of a recently-produced musical comedy in the West-end. A young gentleman in a shepherd's plaid Norfolk riding-suit wears a jet black stock! He looks like the negative of a photograph, as carefully peeped at in the dark-room. Another dashing young squire wears bright yellow and highly polished boots with dull pigskin gaiters. He gives one the impression that he has just been fitted up with new feet. There is a suggestion of the repairer's work about him. He looks as if he had been something very different before the spring cleaning. Yellowish-brown puttees, too, are in great request among the County Society sportsmen of this certain chorus I have in my mind's eye! and the waistcoats—oh! the waistcoats! And what more can one say than oh! the waistcoats? Except, oh! the ties!

THE CITY MORTALITY.

THE Municipal Office returns for the twenty four hours ending at 6 a. m. yesterday, give the following results:—

Wards.	Plague Attacks.	Plague Deaths.	Deaths from all Causes.
A Upper, Middle and Lower Colaba, Fort Northern, Fort Southern and Esplanade	2	3	5
B Mandvi, Chukla, Comorkhedi and Umarkhadi	3	7	21
C Market, Dhobi Talao Panasvadi, Bhuleshwar, Khara Talao, and Kumbharwada	8	5	14
D Khetwadi, Girgaum, Chowpati, Walkeshwar, and Mahalaxmi	6	4	11
E Mazagaon, Parewady, 2nd Nagpada, Kamathipura, Tardeo, Byculla and 1st Nagpada	20	14	42
F Parel, Sewree and Sion	3	5	11
G Mahim and Worli	4	4	13
Water Division	0	0	0
Non-Residents and Unknown	0	0	0
Hospitals	0	7	13
Total	50	49	130
Total plague deaths to date	140,006		
Same date last year	198	153	354

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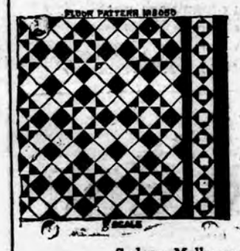

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KARACHI RACES.

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KAR C I, APRIL 25.

TALLYHO PLATE.

Mr O'Hara's Alexis, 10st (carried 10st 2lbs) ...Owner 1
Mr Sidney Smith's Shamrock, 11st 12lbs.Capt Winter 2
Mr Robson's Pasha, 9st 5lbs .....Mr Boase 3

Betting :—3 to 1 on Shamrock, 3 to 1 against Pasha and 7 to 1 Alexis.

The Race.—Alexis led over the first hurdle, then Pasha settled down with a lead, followed in order by Alexis and Shamrock, till at the mile Alexis again went to the front and though near home the others made their effort and he was never again headed and won by one and a half lengths; two lengths separated the next two. Time 3 min. 42 2/5 secs.

HUB PLATE.

Mr Sidney Smith's May Queen, 9st 7lbs...Capt Winter 1
Mr Monteith's Gipsy, 8st 11lb .....King 2
Mr Osborne's Grey Lady, 8st 5lbs (carried 8st 9lbs) Lansdowne 3

Betting.—3 to 1 on May Queen, 2 to 1 against Gipsy 4 to 1 Grey Lady.

The Race.—Grey Lady was caught in the starting gate, the other two raced abreast all the way till in the rails May Queen drew out and won by one and quarter lengths a head separated the next two. Time—1min. 29secs.

GULF PLATE.

Capt Toogood's Malabar, 10st 4lbs.....Capt Winter 1
Mr Graham's Moonib Pasha, 10st 3lbs.. ...Mr O'Hara 2

Also ran.—Nadim 7st 12lbs, Little Red Rat 11st 9lbs disqualified.

Betting.—5 to 4 against Malabar, 2 to 1 Little Red Rat, 3 to 1 Moonib Pasha, 20 to 1 Nadim

The Race.—They raced in a cluster with Little Red Rat showing out at the head till from the three furlongs Little Rad Rat and Malabar in company drew away and after a tight race home Malabar won on the post by fine horsemanship by a short head; one and half lenghts between second and third. Time—1 min 59 secs

An objection was lodge, by Mr O'Hara against Lansdowne who rode Little Red Rat for crossing the field at the start which being sustained Little Red Rat lost his place and Moonib Pasha was placed second.

GHIZREE PLATE.

Mr W Graham's Acheivement, 11st 7lbs.....Owner 1
Sind Horse Polo Club's Abe, 9st 7lbs.Captain Winter 2
Mr Osborne's Cherry Ripe, 10st 12lbs.....Holland

Betting :—3 to 1 on Acheivement, 2 to 1 against Abe, 4 to 1 Cherry Ripe.

The Race.—Acheivement at once came to the front and cantering the whole won pulling up by four lengths; same distance between second and third. Time 1min 26 4-5 secs.

NATIONAL HANDICAP.

Mr Kennedy's Ariadne 10st 10lbs.....Northmore 1
Mr O'Hara's Woodcutter 11st .....Owner 2
Mr Baldock's Little John 10st 4lbs .....Leach 3
Mr Boase's Dawn 10st .....Owner 4

Also ran.—Ceres 10st 13lbs. Pdq 10st 13lbs. Aurcole 10st 12lbs, Kington 8st 7lbs.

Betting :—6 to 4 against Pdq. 5 to 2 Little John, 5 to 1 Woodcutter, and Ceres, 6 to 1 Ariadne, 50 to 1 the others.

The Race :—Dawn, Ceres and Pdq showed in the front of the field, but after a hundred yards Ceres fell back and the other two maintained their lead to the five furlongs where they gave way to Woodcutter and Little John and at the three furlongs the pair were joined by Ariadne and Dawn and a great race home ensued Ariadne drawing out in the front stand and winning by three quarters of a length; one length separated next two, Close fourth. Time—1min. 5 4/5secs.

SAHARA PLATE.

Major England and Captain Loogood's Broome, 9st 11lbs..... Thakur 1
Mr Bigg's Snowflake, 7st 10lbs ..... Jewan Shah 2
Mr Jelbart's Kashmir, 10st 3lbs.....Captain Toogood 3
Mr W Graham's Hero, 9st 4lbs ..... Captain Winter 4

Also ran :—Hobart 8st 7lbs, Courtier 8st 11b.

Betting :—2 to 1 on Kashimir 3 to 1 against Hero, 4 to 1 Broome, 6 to 1 Hobart, 10 to 1 the others.

The Race :—Hobart led to the half mile, then Broome came to the front and was joined by Snowflake at the three furlongs then near the rails Kashmir and Hero closed up and an exciting finish resulted in Broome winning by a head, neck dividing the second, third and fourth. Time—1 min 29 secs..

An objection was lodged by the rider of Kashmir, against Snowflake for preventing Kashmir getting through near the finish and a cross objection was lodged by the owner of Snowflake against Kashmir but both were overruled.

KIMBERLEY PLATE.

Mr Sidney Smith's May Queen, 9st 10lbs.....Capt Winter 1
Mr Monteith's Gipsy, 8st 11lbs.....King 2
Major England's Ena, 10st.....Owner 3

Also ran.—Morny, 8st (carried 8st 5lbs.)

Betting.—3 to 1 on May Queen, 4 to 1 against each Ena and Gipsy; 10 to 1 Morny.

The Race.—May Queen and Gipsy drew away from the start and kept together till near the rails. May Queen getting her lead came away and won in a canter by three and half lengths, two lengths between second and third. Time—1min 26secs.

ARRIVAL OF THE "DUFFERIN."

The Royal Indian Marine Steamer "Dufferin," under the command of Commander H. S. Black arrived in harbour yesterday afternoon from Aden which Port she left on the 19th April, with H.E. the Governor of Bombay and party and the following troops:—Major Reid, Lieut Thackwell, 3 warrant officers, 3 women, 6 children, 7 British details, 20 men [natives] 21 women, and 25 children.

THE Bank of Bengal rate was lowered to 7 per cent. yesterday morning.

THE ANCHOR CANNON.

THE amazing potentialities of the now world-famous "anchor" or "cradle" cannon, writes the *Civil and Military Gazette*, are still the absorbing topic amongst billiard players. Reuter's announcement to-day will give a fresh spirit to the discussion. By means of this new stroke breaks which but a few weeks ago would have been considered practically unattainable are now almost of daily occurrence. Wonder succeeds wonder, and yet we have not seen the end. W. A. Lovejoy, the inventor of the stroke, is now far from having a monopoly in its execution. He has, indeed, been easily beaten at his own game by Tom Reece, the Oldham professional and again by Dawson, although technically until about a month ago his record of 2,257 (unfinished) held the field. His previous highest break, which contained 219 cannons was surpassed about five weeks ago by Reece who, in a match in London with Inman, put up a run of 1,269, in which were 521 cannons Reece improved on this later by compiling 1,825 (893 anchor cannons), thus twice, beating all previous records for a standard table in the same match. But—and here the irony of the things comes in—notwithstanding all this Inman who had stuck to plain all round billiards throughout won in the end by no less than 4,156 points in 16,000 up. Undeterred, however, Reece got to work again three weeks ago on his favourite stroke with a still more extraordinary result. He began a break on the Wednesday evening, and keeping possession of the table the rest of the week ran to game on Saturday night with 4,528, unfinished. The number of cannons in this break was 2,279, of which 2,268 were made from the anchor position. The full time was 98min. 6 sec. His opponent, Weiss, in the 7,000 up game, was of course, a spectator during the last three days of the match, and in this way may almost be credited with establishing a record of a sort Reeces break, although then constituting a world's record and played on a standard table, is not recognised by the Billiard Association owing to the fact that the match was not played under their rules. Whilst Reece was reeling off his thousands at Leicester Square, Lovejoy, not to be outdone, set about establishing new figures under B. A. rules at Hull. Securing the required position on the Friday afternoon, Lovejoy—who was conceding 2,000 points in 8,000 to G. Pindar, retained control of the balls until he ultimately reached game with an unfinished run of 2,257. Up till the Wednesday this figure was the highest officially recognised break, but on that day it was left far behind by both Reece and Dawson, who are now engaged in a race for a fresh record. The next night Reece's break had amounted to 4,738, and Dawson's to 4,646, both being in a favourable position to continue. That is as far as the English mail carries the story. Should neither have broken down before the following night Reece will have run up a succession of 6,138 points, whilst Dawson will have scored an unfinished run of 6,245. But here the mail reports are altogether eclipsed to-day by Reuter's startling announcement that Dawson has made a break of 23,769, including 11,798 anchor cannons. As to the advisibility of abelishing the "anchor" stroke or restricting its use, opinions vary. The Billiard Association have declined to interfere as yet, and are not likely to take any action this season. At present the public are interested, and as this means money to the professional he is justified in resorting to the stroke whenever he can. But its monotony is sure to tell in the end, and when it does the probability is that it will die a natural death

PUBLIC COMPANIES' MEETINGS.

BADHAM, PILE AND CO.,

THE Twenty-fourth annual meeting of Messrs. Badham Pile and Co. was held yesterday at the Registered office, Rampart Row, Mr. Leslie Crawford, chairman of the Board of Directors, presiding.

The Directors' report stated among other things :—The balance of Profit and Loss amounts to Rs. 54,359-9-11 to which should be added Rs. 1,283-2-4, the amount brought forward from last year's account after payment of bonus to the staff voted at the last general meeting, making a total of Rs. 55,642-12-3 available for distribution. This amount your Directors propose to apportion as follows:—To Dividend at Rs. 10 per share Rs. 50,000; to Depreciation of Furniture and Fixtures Rs. 2,000; to Balance to be carried forward to next year's account Rs. 3,642-12-3; total Rs. 55,642-12-3. The stock has been carefully taken and is in good condition. The amount in hand is about Rs. 25,000 less than last year; and the outstandings are also less by Rs. 52-000. It will thus be seen that the assets under these two heads are again considerably reduced, which in the opinion of your Directors is a matter for satisfaction. This is also reflected in the increased amount in deposit in various local Banks and earning good interest. In conformity with clause 80 of the articles of association Mr. Leslie Crawford retires from the Board of Directors, but is eligible for re-election. The auditors, Messrs A. F. Ferguson and Co., vacate their office but are eligible for re-election. Your Directors desire to place on record their sense of the loss sustained by the Board through the death of Mr. Alex McKenzie, which took place in September last. He had been on the Board since the formation of the Company, and for many years had ably filled the post of chairman, always taking the keenest interest in the Company's affairs, and by his sound business methods and matured advice greatly contributing to its prosperity. Mr. Leslie Crawford has taken his place as Chairman.

The Directors' report and audited accounts were approved, adopted, confirmed. A dividend at the rate of 10 per cent., free of income tax, was declared. Mr. Leslie Crawford, who retired by rotation, was reelected a director. Messrs. A. F. Ferguson and Co. were appointed auditors on a remuneration of Rs. 300 per annum. A bonus of about half a month's salary to the staff at the discretion of the general manager, was sanctioned. The proceedings closed with the custumary compliment to the chairman.

THE ORIENTAL GOVERNMENT SECURITY LIFE ASSURANCE COMPANY.

The Thirty-second annual meeting of the shareholders of the Company was held yesterday at the offices, Oriental Buildings, Mr. Gordhandas Khattau, chairman of the board of directors, presiding.

Mr. R. Paterson Brown, the Manager, read the notice convening the meeting; and the directors' report which has already been published was taken as read.

THE CHAIRMANS SPEECH.

The Chairman, in addressing the meeting, said :—When I addressed you a year ago at our annual meeting, I expressed the satisfaction that the Directors felt at being able to put before you a most satisfactory record of all-round progress. I then congratulated the shareholders and Policyholders on the steady financial progress of their Company, and I foreshadowed still better results for the year 1906. Gentlemen I am glad to be in a position to state that those hopes have been realised, for in the Report now under notice, and which has been some days in your hands there will be found a clear indication of great prosperity. The Company is past the experimental stage and it has for some years now been having the test applied which during the earlier years would not fall upon it. It is therefore a matter for congratulation to be able to record the largest increase which we have ever had to our Funds in any one year, this amounting to Rs. 21,66,058. The total Funds now stand at over 2 3/4 Crores. The Company continues to write a large amount of new business—last year 4,336 Policies for over Rs. 73,62.000 being placed on the Books.

In this connection I desire to say a word as to the great care that is exercised by your Directors and Manager as to the Class of business accepted. As you are aware, the rates are based upon the Company's own experience—being the lowest possible with safety. You will find Companies of comparatively recent formation, boldly accepting risks at lower rates than those of the "Oriental," but my answer to this is that the "Oriental" has its own reliable data to guide it. Your Directors' desire is to have the best class of lives—so stringency in the medical examination by approved doctors only is the rule. Again in these days when plague has spread so disastrously throughout the land the Company has to be particularly careful and in districts where the epidemic is known to appear year by year to a serious extent then we do not do business. These facts I mention as an indication of how well the interests of the existing assured are safeguarded. I think there is corroborating evidence of the care exercised in the selection of business not only by your present Directors but by those who acted in the earlier years of the Company to be found in the Company's claim experience this being well within what is provided for. With the object of securing suitable accomodation for the considerable staff at the Madras Branch the Directors purchased and have altered to suit the Company's requirements a freehold property in Armenian Street, Madras, the estimated cost being Rs. 86,000. This building is now occupied by the Company and it not only gives a suitable office which was essential but will, it is anticipated yield a good return on the portions available for tenants. The Directors have opened a Branch Office in Dalhousie Square, Calcutta, under their own officer. This was long felt to be necessary so as to secure the proper control of such a large and important district as Bengal and it is hoped that the Company's many policyholders on that side of India will thus be brought into closer touch and take a greater interest in the Company as a result of the new arrangement.

I have two more points of moment to refer to—the first of these being the important one connected with our Investments. You know how restricted the Company is as regards what it can invest its monies in, so it is very satisfactory to find that our rate of interest has risen a little during the past year. We have also, owing to purchases of Government Paper at satisfactory prices, been able to augment our Investment Reserve Fund by Rs. 38,104 thus bringing it up to Rs. 7,16,486. The second point is also one of interest for I desire to refer to the expenditure incurred for expenses of management which includes the outlay connected with the securing of new business. Not only is the Company able to hold its own but to steadily move ahead. In spite of an increasing competition this has been attained at a reduced rate of expenditure—the ratio having dropped by over one half per cent. This is a satisfactory fact to report and I think it reflects great credit upon the management. I feel it a duty to take this occasion to sound a warning note against the increasing danger to the Public in the many so-called Provident of Benefit Funds which have been started, and are still being formed, all over the Country. These Societies are started by ignorant persons—and unfortunately the trusting public are victimised. I refer to such Societies or Funds formed upon no actuarial and accepted lines. Many Companies like our own are doing much to encourage thrift amongst the people of the land; but the failure which follows the brief existence of the Funds I have referred to, does much to handicap the progress of genuine life assurance amongst the people. Surely the time has come when Government should exercise some control over the methods of all Companies or Funds created for the object of encouraging thrift. In Great Britain, America and in European countries generally, the public are so protected to an extent in having to comply with certain Government requirements. How necessary is this in India? I, therefore, appeal to our Shareholders and Policyholders to do all in their power to encourage the assuring public to trust only life Assurance Companies of genuine and undoubted standing and which are conducted on the accepted and essential regulations adopted by first class Companies. In conclusion I desire to record the appreciation of the Directors at the good and zealous work being done by the Manager and those associated with him. The year's work now under review bears testimony to watchfulness in all directions for the Company's best interests. As in former years I again urge all connected with the Company to aid us in our work of the current year by encouraging assurers to join the "Oriental" which may truly claim to be the Pioneer native Life Assurance Company.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahim Tulla, the Directors' report and audited accounts for the year 1906 were approved and adopted. On the motion of Sir Jamsetjee Jejeebhoy seconded by Mr. E. R. Papa, a dividend of 12½ per cent. per annum was declared. On the motion of Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee, seconded by Mr. Robert Barlow, the Hon. Mr. Ibrahim Rahimtula, and Mr. Sorabjee Edaljee Warden, who retired by rotation were re-elected directors. On the motion of Dr. Cowasjee Hormusjee, seconded by Mr. Cowasjee Jamsetjee, Mr. M. M. Dadina, shareholders' auditor, and Mr. Bapujee P. Walia, policy-holders' auditor were re-appointed as such for the current year. On the motion of Mr. Sorabjee E. Warden, seconded by Dr. Shantarian Vithal, thanks were voted to the Company's agents and other representatives for their activity and zeal on behalf of the company. The proceedings ended with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.